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LATTER-DAY SAINT GIRLS and their MIA leaders from six Northern California stakes are preparing to enjoy camping this summer at the Liahona Campsite, shown here, in the High Sierras of the Stanislaus Forest, 20 miles above Pinecrest. Recently two other girl organizations took adjoining sites for permanent occupancy. The Sequoia Girl Scout Council of San Mateo took two sites directly adjoining, and the Contra Costa Girls' Campsite is across the creek. Liahona Club members have been busy preparing for the camping season. Among major improvements this year is the installation of a 10,000 gallon water tank higher in the mountains, providing more pressure and a more secure supply. The 1957 camping schedule: Walnut Creek Stake, July 3-9; Oakland-Berkeley Stake, July 9-15; Palo Alto Stake, July 15-20; Hayward and San Francisco Stakes, July 22-29, and San Joaquin Stake, July 27-Aug. 3.

Solemn Assembly Is Held In Temple

Priesthood leaders in the Los Angeles Temple area, comprising 34 stakes and two missions, took part in a moving Solemn Assembly Sunday, June 9, first event of its kind in the new Temple.

Some 2600, including stake presidents, bishoprics, high councilmen, patriarchs, auxiliary leaders and quorum presidencies and group leaders were on hand in the huge assembly room of the Temple to greet the General Authorities from Salt Lake City.

President David O. McKay, presided at the historic meeting and all General Authorities except Elder Thomas E. McKay, assistant to the Council of the Twelve, attended. Elder McKay was unable to make the trip because of ill health.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA priesthood leaders who attended report that it was a "wonderful and moving" experience, particularly the receiving of the Sacrament at the hands of the Quorum members and other General Authorities.

The Solemn Assembly opened at 11:30 a.m. and closed at 3:20 p.m.

Pres. Stephen L. Richards and Pres. J. Reuben Clark Jr., of the First Presidency were present as were all members of the Council of the Twelve, Joseph Fielding Smith, Harold B. Lee, Spencer W. Kimball, Ezra Taft Benson, Mark E. Petersen, Henry D. Moyle, Delbert Leon Stapley, Marion G. Romney, LeGrand Richards, Adam S. Bennion, Richard L. Evans and George Q. Morris.

Also present were Elder Eldred G. Smith, Patriarch to the Church; Elders Clifford E. Young, Alma Sonne, ElRay L. Christiansen, John Longden, Hugh B. Brown and Sterling W. Sill, Assistants to the Council of the Twelve; the First Council of the Seventy, Presidents Levi Edgar Young, Antoine R. Ivins, Oscar A. Kirkham, S. Dilworth Young, Milton R. Hunter, Bruce R. McConkie and Marion D. Hanks; the Presiding Bishopric, Bishop Joseph L. Wirthlin and his counselors Thorpe B. Isaacson and Carl W. Buehner.

Joseph Anderson, secretary to the First Presidency, was in attendance as official recorder.

ALL STAKES were represented except one.

The General Authorities headed by the First Presidency, arrived via Union Pacific Railroad in three special cars. They detrained at East Los Angeles where a nine-automobile caravan, under direction of President Noble Waite of South Los Angeles Stake, transported them to West Los Angeles.

The caravan was escorted by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputies.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn arranged the Sheriff escort.

THE BRETHREN were greeted at the north entrance to the Temple by President Benjamin L. Bowring and his counselors, Morgan Hyde White and H. Harold Jackson.

Following the services most of the General Authorities returned to Church Headquarters in Salt Lake City.

President McKay remained in Southern California until Tuesday afternoon.

Accompanying the visiting officials were Arch K. McNeill and Reed T. Griffin of the Union Pacific Company.

Ceremonies July 20 At Tabernacle Site

Ground-breaking for the new Inter-Stake Tabernacle to be built on Temple Hill will set off a week-end of activities. The ground-breaking will take place on Saturday, July 20, at 5 p.m.

President Stephen L. Richards will be present, and other members of the General Authorities may also be in attendance A mixed chorus will sing under the direction of Nico Snel. Seating for 1000 persons will be available, with standing room for many more. There will be adequate parking area.

The night before, on Friday, July 19, there will be a district pioneer dance in the Richmond Auitorium. Saturday morning and early afternoon will be marked by separate stake pioneer days picnics.

The regular Saturday night dance will be a three stake affair, with the Walnut Creek, Oakland-Berkeley, and Hayward stakes participating.

Twenty-Year Dream Soon To Be Real

Beppie Anne Duker

The dreams of 20 years will begin to approach completion on July 20, when the ground will be broken for the new Inter-Stake Building. Planned since before the separation of the Oakland Stake into the Berkeley Stake and Oakland Stake, it was originally scheduled to be built on MacArthur Boulevard, in the Grand Lake District. This site was later sold, and the present temple site purchased.

The building will seat 2200 in the auditorium section, and there is room for 1000 folding bleachers in the recreation area, leaving space for a standard size basketball court. Adequate kitchen facilities for large dinners are planned, and there will be a ground floor baptistry, which will seat 150.

The building is expected to be finished in late 1958 or early 1959.

The ground, originally bought for the temple, only recently has been chosen for use as the Stake Building site. When the temple is completed, the area will nearly duplicate the Salt Lake City Temple Square. A Bureau of Information is planned to be built in the future, and there will be a two-ward chapel for the Oakland and Oakland Third Wards, financed by the wards involved.

Oakland-Berkeley Stake

Thursday Nights For Recommends

Interviews with the Oakland-Berkeley Stake president for Temple and other recommends will be held regularly every Thursday except holidays in Room 12, Claremont Chapel, 7 to 7:30 p.m.

Persons interested are asked to please be present promptly at 7. Any member of the stake presidency may be contacted where special appointments are necessary.

Elder Romney Speaks At Funerals Of 4 Chico Plane Crash Victims

Funeral services for four Chico members of the Latter-day Saints Church, who were killed in a plane crash when returning from the Los Angeles Solemn Assembly, were held in Chico and Downey.

Victims of the crash were Harry H. Smith, 42, member of the Gridley Stake High Council; Terrence P. Lockhart, 33, Gridley Stake Sunday School superintendent; Robert F. Peterson, 52, Gridley Stake YMMIA superintendent, and Owen S. Wallis, 63, president of the Third Quorum of Elders in Gridley Stake.

Elder Marion G. Romney of the Council of the Twelve, spoke at services for Mr. Lockhart, Mr. Peterson and Mr. Wallis on June 13. He was the speaker on June 14 at services for Mr. Smith.

Extending the condolences of President David O. McKay, he pointed out that obedience to the plan of salvation had prepared the men for eternal life. Continuation of this obedience by families and friends will provide the way for a glorious reunion with them at some future time, he said.

The accident in which the men were killed occured June 9 at 6 p.m. The four-place Piper Tri-Pacer was piloted by Mr. Smith, a former commercial pilot. Witnesses said the right wing appeared to bend backward, then the plane went into a roll and nosed into a dive. It crashed into a Pacoima home, miraculously missing eight persons celebrating at a birthday dinner 10 feet away.

Eddie Rauch, a witness, said he heard the pilot gun his motor before the dive, evidently in an effort to warn persons below that a crash was imminent.

The men chartered the plane instead of driving in order to go through the Temple Saturday preceding the Sunday Solemn Assembly.

Temple Is Closed Until August 5

The Los Angeles Temple closed for the summer on June 29. It will reopen for the regullar Temple schedule on Aug 5, reminds members of the Genealogical Committee.

MEMBERS OF THE dynamic new Alameda Ward bishopric are shown here in one of their first meetings. From left, (front row) Dan. B. Harrison, ward clerk; Bishop Sterling Nicolaysen; Gerald J. Fralick, assistant ward clerk; (rear) Ralph E. Lane, first counsellor, and Robert T. Peterson, second counselor. Not shown are Wesley Hunt and Walter Welti, assistant ward clerks, financial.

TWO 'WHEELS' in regional welfare work are shown discussing phases of the world-famous Mormon welfare plan as it applies to the Bay Area. At left is Lorenzo N. Hoopes, Oakland-Berkeley Stake High Councilor, coordinator of welfare work in the five stakes. With him is Victor R. Peterson, Regional Welfare Storekeeper.

Hayward Stake

Spaghetti Dinner On July 13 To Benefit Welfare Fund

By Shirley Troub

Circle in red the date, July 13! The whole family is invited to the ward Spaghetti Dinner. A donation to the Welfare Fund of only $3 per family or $1.50 per person is suggested.

The genealogy class meets each Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Robert Elliott, 996 Esther Court. All are invited to attend.

The Deacons under the direction of their advisor, Wally Jones, enjoyed a swim and barbecue at the Hayward Plunge. Wally, a chef, barbecued steaks.

Three carloads of teen-agers from Wally Norton's Sunday School Class enjoyed a day's outing at Stinson Beach. Roasted weiners, salad, soda pop, watermelon, cake, and all the trimmings for a picnic were enjoyed by the class members who planned and organized the entire affair.

It is with regret that we bid good-bye to Grace Merrill and Virginia Bevans, both school teachers, who have moved to Utah.

The Relief Society held a successful closing social. The program for the day, "Midsummer Night's Dream," was presented by Mary Trout and Marylyn Eyer. A delicious luncheon was planned and served by Audrey Davis.

On June 9 the Bishopric and the Elders' Quorum Presidency attended a Solemn Assembly held in the Los Angeles Temple. Also in attendance were Richard McDonald of the High Council and Dean Hawkley of the Seventies' Presidency.

Among the first vacationers, the Frank Davis family recently returned from Idaho. The Eugene Robertsons journeyed to Utah, also the Bob Davises, while the Robert Troubs and the Ted Jacobsens spent a week camping at Big Sur.

Larry Woods, who recently moved into Hayward Second Ward has been sustained as a counselor in the Sunday School.

BIRTHS:

Ruth and Blaine Wilson, well known throughout the Bay Area for their beautiful singing, became the proud parents of a fourth child and first son on June 13.

Ray and Verla Witzel are the parents of a baby boy, Merrill Blake, who was named and blessed by his father.

Cindy is the name chosen by Max and Joanne Robison for their baby daughter who was also blessed by her father last Fast Sunday.

BISHOP'S MESSAGE

The author of the following bit of wisdom is unknown, but the message is worthy of careful thought:

"Many of us lose confidence in prayer because we do not realize the answer.

"We ask for strength, and God sends us difficulties which make us strong.

"We pray for wisdom, and God sends us problems the solution of which develops wisdom.

"We plead for prosperity, and God gives us brain and brawn to work.

"We plead for courage, and God gives us dangers to overcome.

"We ask for favors, and God gives us opportunities."

Hayward Stake

Spring Fashion Show Honoring Visiting Teachers Successful Event

By Gertrude Lesser

The Spring Fashion Show honoring the Visiting Teachers of the Hayward Stake Relief Society, held at Hayward Ward was a complete success in evey way, even to the heavy downpour outside which helped to intensify the beautiful garden setting in the interior of the building. Eighty participants modeled the stylishly designed costume depicting various ages. President Milton Ream was very handsome in the well-cut and well-sewn trousers made at the Welfare center. About 250 guests were in atendance with the visiting teachers receiving a corsage. Light refreshments were served. Vera Crockett and Pearl Meine were in charge for the day. Verna Jackson acted as narrator.

The MIA Theme for 57-58 taken from John 17:3 was beautifully presented at the first session of the 58th annual MIA conference on Friday, June 14 at the Tabernacle in Salt Lake City. Those from Hayward Stake, fortunate enough to be in attendance, heard words of counsel and wisdom from the General Board members and also from many of the General Authorities. All strongly advised the Youth to 'Be Honest With Yourselves!' The Drama and Music Festivals were outstanding. Thousands of MIA workers as well as members, were greeted by the General Board members at the annual reception held on the Tabernacle grounds Friday morning. Those who attended from this area were joyful in their reports of the conference and are making plans for a repeat performance next year. Representing the Hayward Stake MIA Board were Verna Jackson, Doris Hansen, Delores Bednar, Dr. John Robinson, Mary Bolles and Jack James.

Al Fontano, athletic director on the MIA Board informs us that baseball games are going great and for a big night out we should attend. To date Castro Valley and San Leandro have tied for first place. The other six teams are fighting for a berth in the play-off. The play-off will start the second week in July. The games are played on Monday and Wednesday nights at Castro Valley Community Center and at Bohannon School in San Lorenzo.

Bee Hive "Swarm Day" held at Hayward Ward, May 28, was something special, being in the form of an operetta under the direction of Mary March, with Elaine Romer supervising the music.

'Operations Los Angeles' became a reality on June 27, 28, and 29, for the young people of Hayward Stake who, during the past several months have had this as their goal. About 40 boys and girls, with their leaders and chaperones from the winning wards, Livermore in first place and Castro Valley second, journeyed south and enjoyed for the three days a full program of fun. They visited Forest Lawn Cemetery, Disneyland, the Ocean and on Saturday morning as their crowning pleasure had the opportunity of going to the Temple and performed baptisms for the dead.

"The Best Things In Life Are Free" was the theme for the MIA Drama and Music Festival held at San Leandro High School June 1. All of the wards of Hayward Stake participated. It was a colorful and successful festival,all costumes being made and designed by the mothers of those taking part. The variation in the age groups participating made the program all the more interesting. Mary Bolles was in charge of the music and William and Meliba Day, ably assited by Brother and Sister Crane of San Lorenzo had charge of the dance numbers. The special guest soloist of the evening was Howard Ruff, a professional who sings with the 'Singing Sergeants' of the Air Force. Ruff was spending one day in the Bay Area visiting, before going to Japan, with his relative, Doris Hansen.

Walnut Creek Stake Staff

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Hayward Stake

Quorum Profile Of the Month

(From quorum quotes)

On June 6, 1953, Elder George Blazin was baptized and confirmed a member of the Latter-day Saint Church. Last month in May, he took his attractive wife, Mary to Los Angeles to have his marriage sealed for eternity in the Holy house of the Lord

Their four fine children, Martin, (a Deacon), Nelson, 11, Joanne, 7, and Cynthia who will soon be 3, accompanied their parents.

A former Master Sergeant in the U.S. Army, George participated in the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium. In fact he became separated from his outfit for two days but happily found his way back in the right direction. During his service time he and Mary, whom he met in Eugene, Oregon, where she was a civil sevice employee, lived in five different states of the union.

Elder Blazin, a native of Zeigler, Illinois, is employed as a switchman and names hunting and fishing as his hobbies. His pet peeve is gossiping and gossipers. His greatest desire is for his children to grow in strength, physically and mentally, and to become loyal and active member in the church.

Ordained an Elder Aug 12, 1956, George has already evidenced an eager willingness to serve his quorum and honor his Priesthood by accepting the chairmanship for the Quorum. The future of our Qourum is assured with men such as Elder Blazin on our membership roste.

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Palo Alto Stake

William Stoner Heads Aaronic Priesthood Unit

William Lundquist Stoner, member of the Palo Alto Stake High Council, was born in Provo, Utah, Dec.2, 1912. When he was six years old his parents moved to Price, Utah, where he was graduated from high school in 1930. The family then moved to Salt Lake City, where he attended the University of Utah for two years.

Elder Stoner became interested in music while he was young and won several music competitions, including a scholarship to the music camp at Interlochen, Mich. In 1933 he joined Kay Kyser's orchestra.

In 1937 he was called on a short term mission to the New England States, with specific duties relating to missionary radio broadcasts in that area. He was a narrator for the second Hill Cumorah Pageant.

He was married to Faye Noyes June 21, 1938, in the Manti Temple. The Stoners have four daughters, Judy, Jo Anne, Virginia and Linda.

Soon after his marriage he joined the Freddy Martin Orchestra and traveled with the organization for two years before settling down to become a vocal teacher, one of the most successful in his field. He commutes by plane one day a week to teach in Hollywood.

Elder Stoner served as a counsellor to Bishop Paul A. Peterson in the Burlingame Ward, which was then in the San Francisco Stake. He was called to the first Palo Alto Stake High Council. He served in many Church capacities, and was bishop of San Mateo ward for six years. Currently he a member of the Palo Alto Stake High Council, his special assignment being chairman of the Aaronic Priesthood Committee.

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New 6th Quorum Elders' President Adds To Fund

By Hazel Natali

The Sixth Elders' Quorum has been reorganized. Donald Kelley was released as president. Ray Bean is the new president with Reno Natali, first counselor, and Stephen Winter, second counselor. Alfred Bowden is secretary.

On Memorial Day the Aaronic Priesthood and Melchizedek Priesthood members played baseball on the lot below the chapel. A good game was enjoyed by those wno watched as well as those who played.

The ward is still working to complete the chapel. Auxilary organizations have each been assigned a part of the building and grounds that is to be finished. With bigger turnouts on work days and assigned jobs completed, the chapel will be ready for dedication.

Daryl Green, our missionary in Hawaii, has been in the hospital to have his appendix removed. He is now in Queens Hospital in Honolulu. He has completed his mission and will leave Hawaii in July. He will arrive in Los Angeles July 11. His family is planning to meet him there.

The Relief Society has a closing luncheon for their Officers and Teachers the first week in June at the home of Edna Jibson.

Wedding Bells

Oakland Second: Marjorie DeRues and Earl Henry Millar, Jr., were married in the Little Chapel of the Flowers, Berkeley, June 9.

Diana Madsen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Staney A. Madsen, and Gale R. Jensen, were married in the Los Angeles Temple Friday, June 7. A reception was held June 14 at the LDS Institute.

Births

Oakland-Berkeley: Bud and Pat Stone announce the arrival of a baby girl, May 26.

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Los Altos Ward

Book By Scientist-Philosopher Supports Many Mormon Beliefs

By Dallas S. Burch

Evidence presented in a strangely fascinating new book, entitled, "How Real Is Religion?" gives strong support to many beliefs long held by Latter-day Saints. Especially noteworthy are the author's conclusions regarding the reality of modern revelation, the personality of God, communication with heavenly messengers, effectiveness of prayer, and the effect of faith on physical and mental well-being. Yet the author, Dr. Wilbert W. Weir makes no denominational comparisons, is neither a Mormon nor a clergyman and deals with his theme primarily as a scientist and philosopher.

THE BOOK is essentially biographical and reports the results of a "religious quest" by the author over a period of about 35 years. Introductory remarks state, in part, that as a scientist he has found thoroughly convincing evidence that God exists and the Holy Spirit too, is eternally real. After reporting instances in which scientists made brilliant discoveries obtained in slumber or by inductive reasoning, the author tells of his belief in a mental bridge between natural and supernatural phenomena. He then relates his decision to seek spiritual knowledge by methods of research similar to those so successfully used in expanding scientific knowledge in the material world.

The description of the author's methodology as highly philosophical and otherwise technical, and perhaps the best means of judging its validity is to appraise the conclusions it yielded. Following are a few of them in somewhat condensed form:

God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, as three personalities, have seen fit at times to make their presence known to men by voice. It does not seem reasonable that such a manifestation of heavenly personalities should be denied to us in our day and age.

God's voice may be accompanied by manifestations of His divine glory, power, and majesty.

The relationship between the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit is that of oneness.

GOD HAS provided a way, through the Holy Spirit, whereby a human being can get very close to him, to feel his presence, and know that he is the very God.

God always deals with human beings in a personal manner; so does Jesus Christ; so does the Holy Spirit; and so do angels.

The Holy Spirit has testified of Jesus Christ, the only Son of God.

I have received spiritual instruction and knowledge directly from the Holy Spirit.

I have conversed with a spiritual being, an angel messenger sent from Heaven in my behalf.

A vision is of heavenly source or origin and in it one has connected memory, orderly reasoning, and spiritually discerned objects.

A heavenly vision does not occur by chance; it is spiritually controlled. Further, in a heavenly vision a person is definitely aware of the reality of some heavenly being or personality.

IN A SECTION, "Angel vs Holy Spirit," the author states, "In a vision I spiritually discerned the angel in human form. The Holy Spirit is never discerned in this manner.

Thoughts may be transferred from a human being to God, as in prayer; and from God to a person, as knowledge that is spiritually discerned.

Evil spirits are deceitful, shrewd, cruel, and malicious. They seek to cause confusion, turmoil, and trouble, and endeavor to turn people away from God.

A good test of human faith is the doing of good deeds spontaneously and unselfishly.

Man has been given spiritual truths and facts so that he may prepare himself through faith and prayer for the high destiny that God has designed for him, which is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Faith in God and spiritual power are of inestimable value in correcting faulty thinking and in stimulating such mental activities as would keep the mind calm and relaxed, and thus promote health and body vigor.

The emotions—such as joy, contentment, resentment, guilt, worry, fear and sorrow—may affect health and vitality for better or for worse. Christianity promotes bodily health as well as spiritual well-being.

NOTWITHSTANDING the broad scope of the book, Dr. Weir has given noticeable attention to precise and accurate expression. For instance he holds that "in a strict sense, prayer is not power" as is often asserted. "'On the contrary," he states it is rather "a means whereby one of strong faith may tap the very fountainhead of spiritual power."

This reporter acquired the book, "How Real is Religion?" as an autographed copy from the author, whom he has known from childhood and subsequently as a college classmate and scientific colleague. Dr. Weir is a member of a family of 12—five sons and five daughters. His youth was spent on a Wisconsin dairy farm. Later he became a college professor, a scientific consultant in the fertilizer field, and a U.S. Department of Agriculture official. He is also the author of two textbooks on soils. With that literally down-to-earth background, Dr. Weir can scarcely be considered a religious dreamer or fanatic, notwithstanding certain astonishing conclusions that appear in his book. He holds the degrees of Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy.

The book contains 30 chapters comprising 268 pages. In answer to its title, "How Real is Religion?" he proves it to be very real and effective means of obtaining "the greatest values of a man's life which have to do with things that concern his soul."

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Oakland Fourth

Smorgasbord At Ward Meet

By Vera Dorfer

The monthly dinner, smorgasbord this time, was given by the Sunday School, June 22. Members were entertained by a radio skit, "Little Red Riding Hood in Alabama Style" and a reducing skit.

Margaret Wright and Nana Folkman of the YWMIA presidency attended MIA conference in Salt Lake City. There were so many people there that Nana and Margaret never saw each other.

Mr. Taylor, step-father of Ernest Bilyeu, died June 15 and was buried in Evergreen cemetary Tuesday, June 18. He had been ill for two years.

Ira B. Call, Jr., is a new member of the ward YMMIA faculty. He will assist with activities.

Many families are on vacations: The Howard Dunn family, Sisters Paine and Nellie Knowlton chose Utah as their vacation spot. Perry Earl left Saturday, June 15, for Utah, Idaho, Yellowstone Park, Oregon and Washington. Tom Farr and his wife will leave soon to take a trip from Salt Lake City to Palmyra, New York, where they will see the pageant.

Do you know there are eight stake missionaries in our ward?

Iona Reynolds and family, motored to Chico where they attended the farewell testimonial for Richard Rollins, a nephew of Iona and Vera. He is leaving for Brazil where he may join his brother Robert who has been there a year. According to Robert, there is one Mormon for every 30,000 people in Brazil.

EAGLE SCOUT CEREMONY at Los Altos Ward. From left, LeRoy Kratzer and Robert Stagg, who received the awards, and Bishop Lyle B. Egan.

Los Altos Ward

Two Receive Eagle Scout Awards At Ceremony In Los Altos Ward

At a Court of Honor of Boy Scout Troop 22 and Explorer Post 22, both sponsored by the Los Altos Ward, Robert Stagg, 14, and LeRoy Kratzer, 30, received, early in June, the highly prized Eagle Scout award. The ceremony was held in the recreation hall of the ward chapel. This award, achieved nationwide by only small percentage of Boy Scouts, represents the attainment of 21 merit badges in diverse fields, with emphasis on leadership, service to the community, conservation, outdoor life and other skills.

Fred J. Croshaw, advancement chairman of the troop committee, was master of ceremonies and Bishop Lyle B. Egan, made the presentation of the Eagle Scout badges. The event was the first of its kind for the troop since its establishment six years ago.

Robert Stagg, at the time of the ceremony, was an eighth grade student and president of the student body in the Escuela Avenue School, Mountain View. LeRoy Kratzer, a former scoutmaster and now explorer leader of Post 22, is a research engineer of Stanford University. In seeking to qualify as an Eagle Scout, his main purpose was to demonstrate to the troop that the difficult goal is attainable and to encourage others to persist in the effort. The scout troop has 12 members and the explorer post, has 6 members.

At the same meeting, other advancements in scouting were: Robert Croshaw to Life rank; LeGrand McOmber and Ronald Hubbard, to First Class rank. Participating in the program were H. W. Kirschbaum, Los Altos district scout commissioner and Glenn Chamberlain, district explorer commissioner. Among the large audience of well-wishers were R. Lamar Nelson, scoutmaster, church officials, parents of the scouts, and members of the MIA, which sponsors Boy Scout and Explorer activities. Several musical numbers and refreshments contributed to the pleasurable event and three local newspapers publicized it.

McCune School To Close Doors

The McCune School of Music and Art, venerable Salt Lake City institution founded in 1917 and which became part of Brigham Young University in 1952, will close its doors Aug. 31.

Announcement of the closing was made by Dr. Ernest L. Wilkinson, administrator of the Unified Church School System. He said it has been operating practically as a private school, without the necessary relationship with the Church university. It has had no religious instruction, as required in all other Church schools.

McCune offered a full college course and awarded bachelor of music degrees until it became part of the BYU.

The Virginia Tanner Conservatory of Creative Dance, a part of the school, will become a separate school and continue to function, said N. Lorenzo Mitchell, director of McCune.

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Concord Second

Variety Show Proceeds Help Two Projects

By Donna Bates

Proceeds from the Primary Variety Show, which was presented under direction of Velva Jamison, went toward the purchase of a popcorn machine, and the Inter-Stake Center.

A number of MIA girls participated in the Regional Arts Festival in Sacramento June 29. Those in the dance portion were Kathleen Erickson, Karen Christensen, Judy Morris, Judy Gibbons, Celia Wittwer, Peggy Beck, Judy Jarvis and Sandi Madlena. Camile Swenson supervised and instructed the girls.

Ward members are enjoying the swimming program at the Mt. Diablo High School pool every other Saturday under direction of the two Concord ward mutuals.

Hilldred Blair of the Stake Relief Society Board gave a demonstration of Swedish weaving at the all-day work and business meeting June 11. After luncheon Anna Hartelius showed her Swedish linens, including beautiful embroidered sheets, towels and tablecloths.

The Hilmans are being transferred to Provo, Utah, for a two year stay. Ward members express hope that they'l be back.

Kay Creer, soon to be married to Rex Gardner, was the guest of honor at a luncheon given by Ellen Cook and Donna Linford. Kay's roommates, Connie Hunsacker Mitzie Anderson and Beverly Keeley, gave a shower for her, and then a lovely trousseau tea was given for her by her mother, Iris Creer.

Among ward vacationers are Ellen Cook and her children, who are in Utah visiting her family.

Marie Barber recently returned from Utah after attending the wedding of her daughter, Joan, to Keith Matheson.

The ward's long-awaited pipe organ finally is here. It was played for the first time on Sunday, June 16, and contributed greatly to the spirit and increased reverence in the chapel.

Diana Whiffin Tours With Symphony

Diana Whiffen, cellist in the BYU Symphony writes glowingly of the bus tour taken in April. They gave concerts at Mount Pleasant, Price, and Provo, Utah; Rexburg, Idaho; Billings and Missoula, Montano; Calgary, Cardston and Lethbridge, Canada and Lovell, Wyoming.

They were entertained in pairs, at homes. At Cardston Diana and her partner stayed at the home of the bishop and were surprised to learn that the bishop's son had been a classmate. Diana lauds the beauty of Glacier National park, though they were mud-stuck there for three hours. The girls had one disappointments in finding the Canadian Mounties in brown. They learned that the attractive red uniforms are for parade.

One outstanding event was a dance in Rexburg, where boys from their group took over the band and they all danced to their hearts content for one long evening.

Helen Murdock Dies Suddenly

Mrs. Helen Bingham Murdock, wife of President John L. Murdock of the Santa Rosa Stake, died suddenly June 6, at her home in Napa.

Active up to the day before her passing, Sister Murdock was resting at her home at the advice of her physician when suddenly striken with a fatal heart condition. She died before her husband could reach home from his place of business in Napa.

The funeral was held in the Napa Ward chapel and was attended by an overflow audience of friends and associates as well as members of the family from Utah and elsewhere. Among those present were President J. Leonard Love of the California Mission and his counselors, W. Glenn Harmon and Thomas Erickson, President David B. Haight of Palo Alto Stake, President and Mrs. Serge J. Lauper of San Francisco Stake, President and Mrs. O. Leslie Stone of the Oakland-Berkeley Stake, and President Delbert H. Rock, counselor to Presidten Stone, and Mrs. Rock, President Vernard L. Beckstrand of San Jose Stake, Patriarch Isaac B. Ball of Oakland-Berkeley Stake, and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne H. Mayhew.

President Love represented, by request from Salt Lake City, the General Authorities of the Church who were unable to attend.

Prayers were offered by President Thomas C. Byrne and Bishop Allan C. Wooley and the graveside prayer by Patriarch Henry L. Peterson. Remarks were made by Bishop Rex L. Bridges, W. Glenn Harmon, J. Leonard Love, and Robert C. Mendenhall. Beautiful music was provided by a double mixed quartet, a trio and by James Blaiedell, soloist. The organ prelude was played by Florene Wiliams.

Sister Murdock is survived by her husband, James L. Murdock, a daughter, Mary Ann Murdock, and two sons, Paul and John; also by two sisters, 30 nieces and nephews and 60 grandnieces and grandnephews.

JOAN BARBER . . . becomes Mrs. Keith I. Matheson.

Joan Barber Weds Keith Matheson In Salt Lake Temple

The marriage of Miss Joan Barber and Keith I. Matheson was solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple on May 29, with Elder ElRay L. Christiansen officiating.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George P. Barber, of Concord Second Ward, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Christen R. Matheson of Cedar City, Utah.

After honeymooning in the Southern Utah parks, the newlyweds left for Klamath Falls, Ore., where Matheson had accepted a position with the Experiment Station of Oregon State College. He will also do graduate work toward a Ph.D degree on the campus at Corvallis port of each year. He received his M.S. degree in agronomy at Utah State University, in Logan.

The bridegroom served a tour of duty with the Air Force, and fulfilled an LDS mission to Northern California.

The bride will be remembered for her Church activity in Berkeley while she was studying for her M.S. degree at the University of California. She later taught nutrition at Cornell and Utah State Universities.

Prenuptial party hostesses in Concord included Mrs. Owen J. Cook, Mrs. Norman B. Creer, Mrs. Fred Bentley, and Mrs. Barber, the bride's mother.

Receptions also were given for the couple at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. West, Salt Lake City, uncle and aunt of the bride, and at the bridegroom's parents in Cedar City.

State, L.A. City Honor Prest. McKay, Church

Two resolutions commending the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints were presented to President David O. McKay at a meeting of the Los Angeles City Council. The presentation was made during the time President McKay and other Church authorities were in Los Angeles for the first Solemn Assembly at the new Temple.

One resolution, passed by the State Assembly and State Senate, cited the role played by the Mormon Battalion at a "critical period of history following a record march on foot from Iowa to California.

A RESOLUTION adopted by the L.A. Council praised the Church and its membership, together with the Sons and Daughters of Utah Pioneers, for contributing $76,259 for the purpose of erecting the pylon and flagstaff of the Fort Moore Memorial. These memorialize activities of the Battalion in the early story of California.

Thanking the Council and Legislautre, President McKay said, "Memorials are precious links in the golden chain that unite the past with the present."

Councilman Ernest Debs, author of the city's resolution, paid tribute to the 83-year-old Mormon leader, noting that he did not use eyeglasses in reading exerpts from a battalion members diary, adding that "this probably comes from a combination of clean living and love of his fellow men."

IN HIS RESPONSE President McKay asked all bishops and stake presidents in the council chambers to rise, giving them credit for raising most of the money for the pylon and flagstaff through private subscriptions.

He read some extracts from the journal of First Sgt. Nathaniel V. Jones of Company D, of the Battalion. Sgt. Jones enlisted July 16, 1946, at Council Bluffs, Iowa.

"September 17th. Crossed a vast plain; saw no timber nor water until near night when we found some in a hole near the road which was caused by the frequent rains. Today I gave some buffaloes chase. Made our fires out of buffalo chips as usual.

"September 18. It is indeed wonderful to me how the buffalo and antelope subsist in such numerous herds. I saw during the day several large droves of buffalo, no timber and very little water, which we found just at night in a hole by the way. Our teams did not come up until near midnight and we slept without our tents.

" 'September 19th. Reveille this morning about half past two o'clock when we took up the line of march from this place. Traveled 12 miles and came to a spring at 11 o'clock.

" 'January 15th. The men were scattered for fifteen or twenty miles along the road, some sick and some out for want of water, and others with their feet so sore they could not walk. There were mules scattered from the Colorado to this place that had died or given out for we have had no grass from the San Pedro to this, a distance of 400 miles, and no water for the last hundred miles except the little we got by digging for it and that poison.' "

A congratulatory telegram from Gov. Goodwin J. Knght was read to the group by Councilman Debs.

Palo Alto Stake

Change Made In Auxiliaries

By Stanley S. Gibb

At the Palo Alto Stake quarterly conference Sunday, May 19, several changes were made in stake auxiliary organizations.

Releasing Elder Ralph S. Olpin as Stake Sunday School superintendent, and his assistants, Elders James G. Drennan and Wayne Lambert, called for recognition with Elder Blaine Lemmon as superintendent and Wayne Lambert and Mark B. Hart, assistants.

Sister Frances Cresta, president of the stake YWMIA together with Venice Kratzer and Elsie Malen as counselors and Vida Peterson, secretary and Matie Griffin, attendance secretary, were released. Called in their stead were Elsie Ramsden, president; Gwen Hanks and June Lacey, counselors; Wanda Sim, secretary and Vera Varney, attendance secretary.

Changes in the stake Relief Society comprise the release of Ruby M.Baker and Mary W. Wathall counselors to Sister Ruby Dobbins, president. They are succeeded by Mary W. Wrathall and Dagna Wheatley.

Other changes: Joseph Dean Sonne released from the stake high council to become bishop of Palo Alto Ward; John A. White released from high council due to business demands. Boyd G. Drennan, president, 353rd Quorum of Seventy and Edwin G. Brown, secretary of the quorum.

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Palo Alto Stake

Book Of Mormon Distribution Story Told

Commencing in the later part of 1956, the Palo Alto Stake (353rd) Quorum of Seventy undertook the project of placing copies of the Book of Mormon in the hotel and motel rooms on the peninsula.

During 1956 with the project on a limited basis, 275 copies of the Book of Mormon were sold and replaced. During January and February and March of this year, 705 books have been distributed in 15 hotels and motels, and 180 of them have been purchased by guests, a turnover of 8½%; according to an announcement by President Willard D. Stephens.

The Quorum's problem now is to raise funds to finance additional Books of Mormon for the project, and President David B. Haight and the stake Melchizedek priesthood committee have proposed that each member holding the Melchizedek priesthood contribute a minimum of one dollar to this Book of Mormon fund. This was approved at the May Priesthood-leadership meeting and will go immediately into operation. It is anticipated that an additional two thousand Books of Mormon will be available for placement from the funds thus donated.

San Bruno

Luau Brings Funds For Ward Building

By Donna Peterkin

"Wonderful! Delightful! Largest activity in this building," were some of the exclamations about the Hawaiian Luau at San Bruno Ward, by quorums of the Senior Aaronic priesthood.

Under the general chairmanship of Jack Boccioccio, the many committees presented an outstanding function for the benefit of the Ward Building fund. The Sales and Publicity Committee under George Groth, president of Senior Deacons, canvassed the ward. and stake. Their publicity campaign featured their wearing leis at Stake Conference. Funds and tickets were controlled by Brother Manwill.

Arrangements and properties were under the direction of President "Mac" McDonald of the Senior Teachers' Quorum. In addition to building scenery, preparing the hall and building, this committee spent many hours cleaning and clearing the new ward property, original site for the Luau.

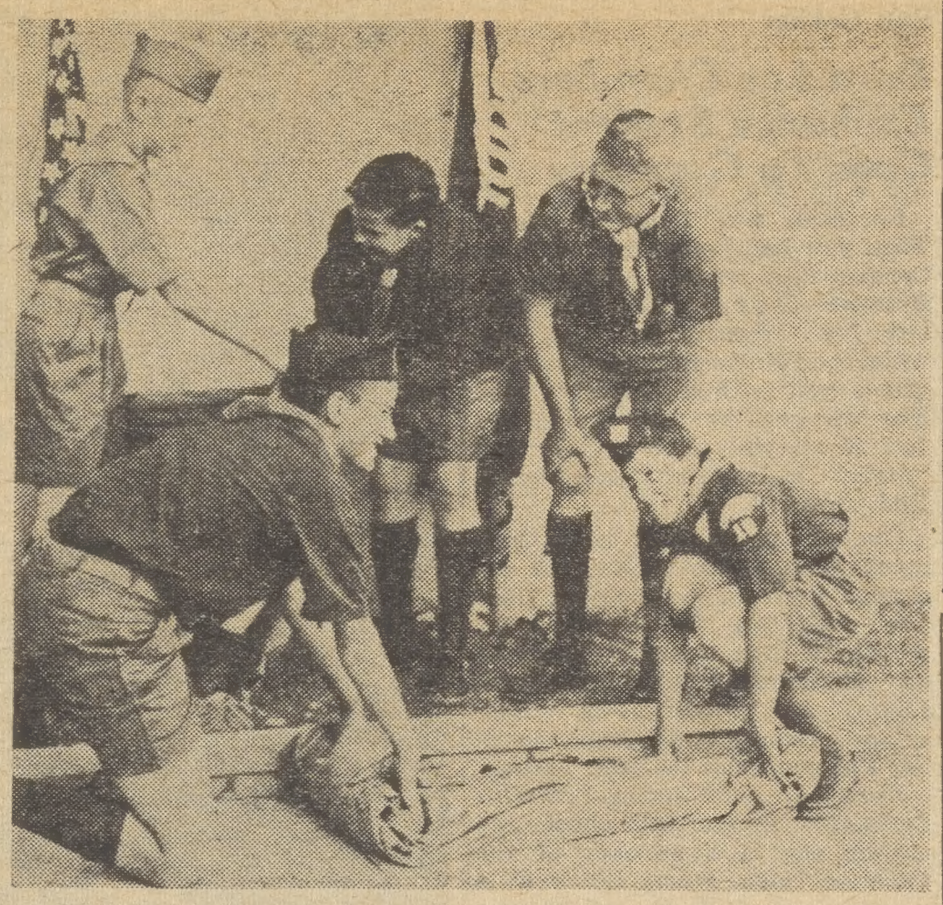
Hall decorations featured draped fish netting garlanded with flowers, genuine tappa cloths and lauhala mats, and real tropical plants and trees, prepared by the Committee with Dary Gagnon, chairman.. Through the efforts of Christina Scales and Ethel "Sugar" Ahuna an excellent Hula Troupe "Sheryn Martin and her Little Keikeis" put on two 45-minute shows. To take care of the overflow crowds and as an additional entertainment feature, a half nour film of Hawaii was shown in the Junior Sunday School. Each guest was welcomed with a colorful lei.

Food service was provided by wives of quorum members assisted by young men and ladies of the Mutuals who served nearly 600 people at tables seating 250. The tables were strewn with flowers and leaves and fresh pineapple flown from Hawaii.

The work of all other committees would have come to nothing were it not for the dedicated service of our four Hawaiian families who planned, procured and prepared the food. Under the chairmanship of Fred Kaanapu, a delicious and authentic island meal was served. Assisted by wives of quorum members, these members and families cooperated to present the exotic menu: Christina Scales; Mary,Ethel, Vernon and Summerall Ahuna; Abigail, John and Wilford Cahill; Luana and Gerald Helm; and Fred and Telma Kaanapu.

Crowds of guests watched avidly as the brethern uncovered the imu or pit in which three 200-pound pigs were roasted in preheated volcanic stones. Yams cooked in the pit, chicken and imported long rice, salmon and tomato cocktail, a pudding, made of coconut milk, poi, fresh pineapple and Relief Society cake completed the menu.

Approximately $600 was raised for the Ward Building Fund by this activity in which 27 members of the Senior Aaronic Priesthood and their families participated.



PRACTICING SKILLS for Boy Scout Jamboree at Valley Forge are four boys of Redwood City Ward. They, and a fifth unavailable for the picture, are all the boys going from the entire Palo Alto Stake—and all five belong to Redwood City Ward. Shown here (foreground) are Paul Marshall and David Clark; (background) Gary Howard, Phil Bowman, and Scoutmaster Evan Marshal].

(Photo—Gay Taylor, 1954 Stockbridge, Redwood City).

Palo Alto Stake

Five Boy Scouts From Troop 127 Earn Their Way To Big Jamboree

All the Boy Scouts of Palo Alto Stake attending the national Jamboree this month at Valley Forge belong to Redwood City Ward's Troop 172. The very good reason for this rather unbalanced condition no doubt lies in the scoutmaster, Evan Marshall.

The five boys are, Phil Bowman, Mike Brown, David Clark, Gary Howard and Paul Marshall. Each of them has earned the $425, plus uniform and pocket money, that the trip will cost. Preparations have been underway for a year, and a familiar week-end sight was Marshall and his boys at work at homes of the ward, cleaning yards, planting gardens, hauling rubbish to earn money toward the goal. The boys sold holly for the purpose last Christmas, and, on their own, have paper routes and other odd jobs.

The boys leave July 4, on an itinerary that includes the Grand Canyon, bus tours of the Santa Fe Trail, the top of Pike's Peak, the White House and congress, Mt. Vernon, the Lincoln and Washington Memorials, New York City, Niagara Falls, the Ford plant and Corning Glass works, Mt. Rushmore, Yellowstone Park, Seattle, Portland, and the Shasta route home. They will return July 26.

Redwood City

Two Members Award Winners

By Gay Taylor

Honors showered down upon two members of the Redwood City ward recently, one a teacher and the other a pupil of Goodwin school. The teacher, Walter McPhie, was awarded a scholarship to Stanford; the student, Sara Taylor, won first prize for the school in the annual essay contest sponsored by the American Legion.

McPhie received the Henry Newell scholarship, and will move to his studies for a Doctor of Education degree. His good luck is the ward's loss, for both Walter and his wife Marilyn have been active and popular in the ward. He has been a teacher of the Sunday School and secretary of the Seventies Quorum, and she has been an officer of the Primary.

The prize contest won by Sara Taylor was for the seventh and eighth grades, and the subject this year was "The Four Freedoms." There were approximately 600 entries, and Sara will be awarded a silver medal as first prize.

The winning of the award by a student whose mother is Messenger reporter and whose father is a professional writer migh look suspicious, except that the parents swear they had nothing to do with it. In fact, they are trying very hard to thwart the child's literary ambitions in every way possible. One writer in the family is one too many.

Palo Alto Stake

Mormons to Gather At Adobe Creek For Celebration

"Fourth and Twenty-fourth," inseparable as a double holiday to the Utah mind, now has its counterpart in Palo Alto Stake. The date this year is Saturday, July 27th—since in this Gentile land the 24th is not automatically a holiday—and 2,000 Mormons are expected to congregate at Adobe Creek Lodge in Los Altos for a day of fun, food, and festivities, to celebrate Mormon Pioneer Day.

This year's theme is "Westward Ho the Mormons," and events begin at 1 p.m. At 1:30 the parade will begin, led by the Daughters of Utah and Pioneers with handcarts. Each ward will have a float, and there will be prizes for the sweepstakes winner, the float that best fits the theme, and the most humorous float.

Games and activities will occupy the afternoon, climaxed by a pageant. The Seventies are in charge of the old-fashioned pit barbecue. In the evening there will be storytelling by the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers. And, happy note for harassed parents, there will be supervision for the kids.

The event is under the direction of the Stake MIA.

Redwood City

Yearly Problem Of Welfare Budget Attacked Successfully On 2 Fronts

That perennial problem, the welfare budget, raised its annual head at the Redwood City Ward and was attacked on two fronts during the month of June.

The first skirmish was a welfare dinner, that time-honored device of wringing the purses of the faithful by getting them to donate a casserole dinner and then buy it back—but justly popular because it's a good time anyhow.

Next came the major battle, which put the bite on the Gentiles. The gimmick was a rummage sale, held downtown in Foresters Hall. The affair was publicized by a circular letter to every member of the ward, announcements at meetings, newspaper publicity, show cards in store windows, and placards taped to the cars of ward members.

The event was run on a department store basis. The Sunday School was in charge of the household department. The Primary had infants and children goods. The ladies department was managed by the Choir. The Mutual handled men and boys wear. Novelties, books, records and miscellaneous were the responsibility of the Genealogical Committee; while the Relief Society was in charge of the "like new" department, as well as cashiering and wrapping.

The event ran three days and was an enormous success, if only for the reason that the faithful merely did the donating of the goods, letting the Gentiles do the buying.

Once again all is quiet at the Redwood City Ward. The budget perennial thrives only in the spring.

Tele-violence Target Of Group In Menlo Park

An article entitled "Let's get Rid of Tele-Violence" was published in the Parent's Magazine and Reader's Digest last April, and points out the harm done our children by the appalling flood of crime and horror programs on television.

Authorities state that much juvenile crime is copied directly from television programs. In less severe cases a child will react violently when disciplined in the home.

A New York psychologist, whose work deal with delinquent youths reports: "They have the impression that all life is full of crime. They act violently within the family circle, and they defy authority. For many disturbed adolescents, TV is a preparatory school for delinquency. But not only disturbed children are affected. Every child is impressionable and suggestible."

During March and April this year mothers of the Willow P-TA monitored 80 TV programs in an effort to determine which programs in our area are most objectionable.

Norma B. Williams of the Menlo Park Primary suggests that the mothers of the Church write letters of protests to TV Program Managers, TV newspaper editors, and to the sponsors.

Her instructions to letter writers are:

1. Be sincere.
2. Be factual by being familiar with the program. Watch several of the programs listed below; then write about the ones you feel the most strongly about.
3. Be constructive. Condemn the programs which are objectionable and suggest that many responsible parents do not allow these programs to be watched. Then praise the programs which are good. Many of the ones children would enjoy are shown at too late an hour.

Programs included on the list of objectionable viewing for children are Wyatt Earp, Hawkeye, Soldiers of Fortune, Rin Tin Tin, Zane Grey Theatre, Buffalo Bill Jr., Flash Gordon, Highway Patrol, S.F. Beat, New Orleans Police, Panic, Bar 7 Theatre, Frontier Playhouse, Del Courtney Movie, Film Festival and Sunday Movie.

Additional information of this report and the reasons in detail for objections to these programs may be obtained by writing to Mrs. Maurice K. Williams, 590 Berkeley Ave., Menlo Park. DAvenport 3-2182.

Palo Alto Stake

Travel Is Dance Festival Theme

By June M. Darby

A travel theme set the stage for the presentation of the combined Palo Alto and Palo Alto Second Ward M.I.A. Dance Festival on June 7 at the Ward Recreation Hall. Dick Bryan, portraying the travel agent, and Maureen Cummings, the traveler, introduced the following dances: Gleam Waltz, Corrido, Samba Samba, Hava Nagilla, Hay Dey Frolic and the Diane Waltz—danced by M.I.A. members and directed by the Dance Directors, Nina and Gene Gull.

Also included on the evening's program were: Jim Martin and his son, Douglas, singing Scotch ballads; Doug Piggott playing the bagpipes; and Al Harrington, dancing a Samoan Sabre Dance. The costumes were colorful and the dances were beautifully presented.

Sharp Park

Rummage Sale

By Agnes Jean Babcock

Sharp Park Relief Society members report that a rummage sale was held June 14, 15 and 17 and was successful in obtaining funds for the building fund. Sale was at the shopping center in Pedro Valley.

MIA will begin to get underway about the end of July.

Set apart as a Primary teacher, June 16, was Ruth Riggs, a recent member of the branch.

Recent members of the Church who were sustained to hold the office of a deacon in the Senior Aaronic Priesthood are Lynn Pettibone and Robert Cavalli. Robert Sale has been ordained a priest in the Senior Aaronic Priesthood.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cavalli and son, Robert, were baptized and confirmed mebers of the Church during May, as was Adora Hammerstrom. The branch is proud to have such fine people join our membership.

Mr. and Mrs. Keil Rose and two daughters have left the branch to make their home in Santa Cruz. They have been long-time members of Sharp Park branch.

A baby girl was recently born to Mr. and Mrs. John Barker. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Evans are rejoicing over the arrival of a girl, Paulette.

Much interest is being shown in the weekly firesides held after Sacrament meeting. June 16, Brother Bigelow and his sister presented an interesting discussion about the life of their parents and family of 12 children who came west from Nauvoo with the pioneers.

Dr. Arthur Browne In Calfornia Post

Dr. Arthur D. Browne, professor of higher education and director of bureau of administration studies at Brigham Young University, has accepted a position as consultant in state college in California State department of Education.

He will leave BYU in August and take up office in Sacramento. In his new position he will assist deans and presidents of state colleges to set up curricula, staff their programs, and make proper allocations of funds. The overall aim is for improvement of state college curricula.

Students Of Area Awarded Degrees At BYU; Cecil B. DeMille Speaker

A number of Northern California students were among those who received diplomas along with about 1,000 others at Brigham Young University graduation exercises.

Cecil B. DeMille, motion picture producer and director, was commencement speaker, and Elder Marion G. Romney, member of the Council of Twelve Apostles, delivered the baccalaureate sermon.

Bay Area graduates included:

Alameda—David S. Pinckney and George Ballard Pinckney.

Berkeley—Theodore J. Baer, Charles Callis Summerhays, Cheryl Brockbank Johnson, and Janet Hill.

Burlingame—Florence Esther Draper and James David Fife.

Livermore—Richard Barnes Ralph.

Oakland—Richard Phelps, Don Van Noy, Barbara Ann Hart.

Palo Alto—Elizabeth Van Wagoner.

Redwood City—Helen Mary Hanni.

San Bruno—Wilda Kay Burkinshaw.

San Jose—June Arlene Geddes.

DeMille, in addressing 12,000 persons in the George Albert Smith Fieldhouse, said in part:

"We cannot break the Ten Commandments. We can only break ourselves against them, or by keeping them, rise through them to the fullness of freedom under God."

DeMille warned the graduates that many things that represent material values can be false gods.

He added that the Ten Commandments are not rules to obey as a perosnal favor to God. "They are the fundamental principles without which mankind cannot live together. They make of those who keep them faithfully, strong, wholesome, confident, dedicated men and women.

DeMille was awarded an honorary doctor of letters degree by Dean Gerrit de Jong, Jr.

The celebrated producer was introduced by President David O. McKay of the Council of the Twelve who said, "One element of greatness is the ability to choose the right with invincible resolution." He said that DeMille demonstrated his greatness not only by choosing the right but by having faith in God and confidence in his fellow men.

Conferring of degrees was under direction of Dr. Ernest L. Wilkinson, BYU president.

San Carlos

Dora Lee Chambers Exchange Student Goes To Germany

Sprecken Sie Deutsch? Nein? Then you had better dust off that German first reader and brush up. Because Dora Lee Chambers left for Germany in June, and when she returns in September and greets you with a hearty "Guten Tag wie geth es" how would you feel if all you could answer was "Aloha" instead of "Gut danke. Und Thnen?"

One of five students from Carlmont High School chosen as exchange students to Germany, Dora Lee will live for about three months with a German family as an "Experiment in International Living." The purpose being to foster and promote better understanding and good will between nations.

Dora Lee is 16 and a Junior at Carlmont. Active in school and church she is a member of the Carlmont girls sports Block C, a member of C. S. F. (California Scholastic Federation) and has been on the honor roll each year. She is a chorister of the San Carlos Ward Junior Sunday School.

Good luck to you Dora Lee. Have a wonderful time and Bon Voy—oops—Auf weidersehen.

"ROSIE THE RUMMAGE QUEEN." Trying out for the mythical title at the Redwood City Ward is Renee Murdock, center assisted by Diane Johnson, left, and Peggy Collins. Items are among those offered at the rummage sale sponsored by the ward.
(Photo: Gay Taylor, 1954 Stockbridge ave., Redwood City).

San Carlos

Family Fun and Barbecue Night Pleases 100

The big stone barbecue had a real work out recently. The San Carlos Ward M. I. A. were the sponsors of 'Family Fun & Barbecue Night which proved to be just that. Fun—and barbecued hamburgers (if grade A ground beef should be called hamburger) with all the trimmings: potato salad, pickles, olives, milk and cake.

Over 100 people enjoyed the food and most of them participated in the variety of games constantly going on: ping pong, volley ball, checkers, horseshoe pitching etc.

Brother and Sister Harvard and Audrie West, presidents of the YMMIA and YWMIA were pleased with the attendance and the evident good time being enjoyed by all. They are planning bigger and better for next year.

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BYU Conducting 7th Study Tour

For the seventh successive year, Brigham Young University is conducting a study tour of important historic sites of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This tour is one that will awaken interest and deepen understanding in the early history of the Church and its leaders, and provide at the same time an opportunity to experience the thrill of seeing the Hill Cumorah Pageant.

In addition, this year for the first time, the tour will include a visit to all of the "splinter" groups which broke away in the days of the Prophet Joseph Smith which have persisted to the present time.

The cost of the tour is $285.00 which includes all necessary expenses except meals.

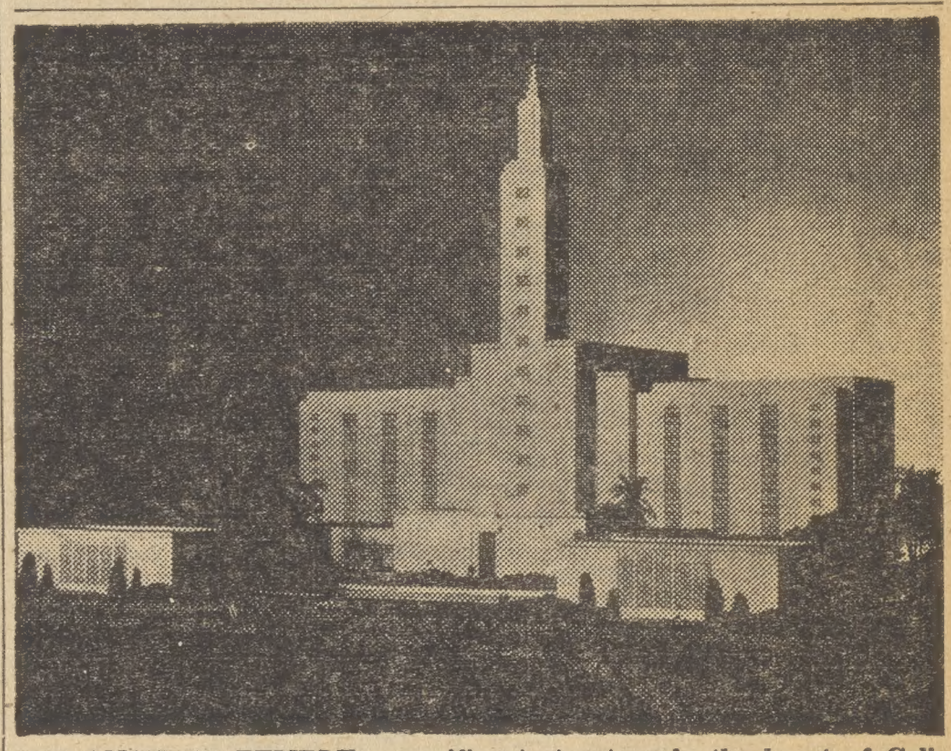
Details of the tour may be obtained by writing to Travel Studies, 329 McKay Building, BYU Campus, Provo, Utah.

Los Altos Ward

Junior Genealogy Class Completed

Sixteen boys and girls aged 12 through 14 completed an intensive junior genealogy class in the Sunnyvale Ward Sunday, June 16, and are now eligible to attend a special baptismal excursion which is being planned for them to the Los Angeles Temple, planned for the latter part of the summer.

Keen interest by the young people for this work has been evident, according to Joyce Limb, instructor. Members of the group who meet graduation requirements, received their certificates at a recent Sacrament meeting. Classes have been meeting Sunday afternoons for one hour immediately preceding sacrament meeting.



LOS ANGELES TEMPLE, magnificent structure in the heart of California's largest city, was scene of first Solemn Assembly. Members of the Council of the Twelve and other General Authorities administered the sacrament to California Church leaders at th historic gathering. More than 50 East Bay leaders missed the Assembly because an air line firm failed to have a plane ready in time.

Liahona Camp Ready For Groups

June is preparation month at the 15-acre Liahoma Camp in the high Sierras.

Using the camp in July will be LDS girl groups from three Bay Area stakes.

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Sunnyvale Ward

Leaders Testify At Annual Conference

By Gladys Lemmon

The San Mateo Second Ward annual Conference, was held May 26 with Stake President David B. Haight presiding and Bishop Worth W. Daniels conducting. Music for the conference was under the birection of Rodney McCoy and Marie Johnson, organist.

Morning session speakers were: Bishop Daniels, who expressed gratitude for his calling and his thanks to faithful members of the ward for their support; Gladys Drennan, president of the Relief Society who reported the year's achievements, Lloyd Johnson, first counselor in the Bishopric; Neal Johnson, a seminary student, who expressed appreciation to seminary teacher Lorrie Hollings; Gene Kimball, YMMIA superintendent; Maurine Ohran, Primary President.

President Haight told members "the spirit of this work can have a tremendous influence upon your life. you can obtain a testimony that it is His work, it is His plan of salvation, it is not man-made."

President Haight expressed deep concern over the Seminary program in the two San Mateo wards and called upon all parents of teenage children to give this program their whole-hearted support. A ward education committee is being organized, and if a sufficient number of young people do not register for the coming year, the program will be discontinued in this ward.

At a 5 p.m. special session for officers and teachers, President Sonne encouraged leaders to make use of their stake organizations and to contribute their knowledge and experience at their stake meetings that all might benefit. Ward leaders gave reports and bore testimonies.

Evening session speakers were: Elmo Smith of the ward bishopric; Wendell Christensen, ward Geneological chairman; Suzanne Christensen, a high school student; newly sustained Sunday School Superintendent Carl Jacobs; Blaine Lemmon, recently released as Sunday School Superintendent; Bernice Fenton, YWMIA president; Owen Peterson, a seminary graduate; and President Sydney Badger of the Stake Presidency.

Palo Alto

Elders' Recipe For Party Is 'Perfect'

By Sally Stoddard

If a perfect party requires the proper proportion of setting, weather, food, entertainment and company; the Palo Alto Ward Elder's Quorum has computed the correct amounts of each. Their May party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bowen proved that.

To Quorum President Jack Wheatley, his counselors Dean Lindsey and Blaine Clements, and their wives Mary Lois, Joan and Jackie go a large portion of the credit. But the appreciation felt by all those who attended extends to the many ward members who so willingly assisted.

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JAMES MESSINGER . . . of San Mateo, elected student body president of Stanford University for the coming year.—(Photo: Gay Taylor)

Palo Alto Stake

Double Honors For LDS Man At Stanford

Double honors recently were heaped upon an LDS man of Palo Alto Stake. James Messinger, of San Mateo, was elected presideent of the student body of Stanford University for the coming school year. Then at a convention of the Pacific Student Presidents Association at Tempe, Arizona, attended by student body presidents from colleges of eleven western states, Messinger was elected president of this organization.

Messinger is taking a pre-medical course at Stanford, where he is a B-average student. He has been Freshman Men's Sponsor, and is active in Alpha Sigma Phi.

He is a graduate of Burlingame high school, where he was on the executive commitee of the freshman class, was freshman class president, senior class president, and president of the student body.

He is the son of Max O. and Elizabeth Messinger, of San Mateo. The new student body president is an Elder, and is active in both the San Mateo and Palo Alto wards during the school term.

Sunnyvale Ward

16 Finish Work, Junior Genealogy

By Dallas S. Burch

As the first year of the Los Altos Ward seminary drew to a close, in June, Fred J. Croshaw, teacher of the class, reported that 19 of the 24 students who had registered for the course completed the first year's work, representing about nine months of study.

In view of the early hour at which seminary lessons began, 7 a.m. so as not to interfere with the students' regular school work, the attendance was remarkably good. Three of the students; Leah Kay Reed, Brenda Reed, and Carolyn McOmber, received awards for perfect attendance. The first year's course dealt mainly with church history.

At one of the closing sessions Paul Hixson, parent of one of the students, surprised the class members by serving them a waffle breakfast, prepared in the chapel kitchen. Indications point to increased enrollment for the seminary in the fall; more than 30 students are expected. It is part of the church's educational system and a 3-year course prepares for graduation.

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Oakland Third

Phelps, Van Noy Graduate at BYU

By Melva Rainey

Richard Phelps was graduated from the BYU this spring and is back in the area. Winnie Spuhler and Donna Bates, his sisters, attended his graduation exercises in Provo.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Van Noy attended BYU graduation of their son Don Van Noy who has been attending the Y since his return from the Netherlands mission. His mother had the honor of pinning his gold bars on as he received his commission as a lieutenant in the Air Force of the ROTC. They spent Memorial Day in Richmond, Lewiston and Logan.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Davis from Clearfield, Utah, have been guests of the Arden Allens. Mrs. Davis is a niece of Hazel Allen.

Joyce and Gene Hilton are vacationing in Mexico.

Twenty-five full time missionaries and friends spent an enjoyable evening at the home of the Raineys for a spaghetti dinner and a round of scripture quizzes and games on a Saturday night, recently. Films were run of the many past social events that have been enjoyed at the mission home and other places where they have gathered in the past. Mr. and Mrs. James Wright were co-hosts for the event.

Carol and Keith Stephens have returned from the Y to make their home in San Francisco where Keith will be employed for the summer.

Lynn Pearce and Donna enjoyed the pleasure of a family gathering of Lynn's niece's and a sister-in-law from Arizona. Mr. and Mrs. Willard Pearce were also present as were many of the family from the nearby area.

Joan Russell was hostess for a bridal shower in honor of Marie Pearce who will be Mrs. LeGrande Fletcher. Marie has also been attending the BYU where she has one more year to major in Music.

Esther Decker has had her brother as a guest in her home.

Blanche Jacobs has returned to the ward after a long stay in Provo where she has been recuperating from a serious operation.

Delores Wilkins has received a call to fulfill a mission in the Northern States and will be leaving ern States and will be leaving sometime in August.

Charles and Helen Houston are the proud Grandparents of two new babies. Helen spent a couple of weeks in Vallejo where she attended one of her daughters.

Ray and Bertha Daniels are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary year by flying to Honolulu for a second honeymoon. Congratulatins!

Your Messenger reporter Melva Rainey appeals to all members of the ward to please phone your news so we can get it in the Messenger before the 18th of the month. You have a full month to jot down your news items now as she and Austin are going on a month's vacation to Utah, Idaho, Yellowstone Park and to Washington. Returning about July 15th so have your news all ready to set in type. Besides making the news she also writes it!

San Carlos

C. Warner To Take Executive Course

At the time of year when senior students are being graduated from high schools, and students from colleges are home for vacation, Clifford E. Warner is starting to school.

The Western Pacific Railroad, the accounting department, selectwhere Cliff Warner is employed in ed five outstanding men to attend an 8-week course in executive develompent training. Four of these men are to go to Harvard University and Ciff is starting his work at Stanford June 23.

San Mateo Second

Ground Breaking, Carnival; July 4

By Boyd Seal

Ground breaking and carnival day will be on the Fourth of July in Sunnyvale Ward. It will be a memorable day in the history of the ward when the first visible evidence of the beautiful new Sunnyvale Chapel will appear.

A Day of festivities and fun is in the offing for Saints in the peninsula and bay area at the carnival. These will be spared the dangers of the holiday highways as first class entertainment will be found in their backyard. Everything from sack races to home made candy will be offered. Also, there will be hot dogs, hamburgers, a shooting gallery, fortune telling, pie-eating contest, a treasure hunt, potato salad, rolls, ice cream, fish pond, soda pop, cake-walk, weight guessing, country store, cotton candy, photo booth, rides, artist sketches, balloons, and your reporter is out of breath!

Everyone is invited. Drive along Fremont road in Sunnyvale to just west of Hollenbeck and stop when you see the crowd; you'll be there. Proceeds will go toward building the chapel in Sunnyvale.

200 Teens At MIA Stake Dance Feed

Over 200 young people enjoyed pizza pie and refreshments at the Palo Alto Stake Mia Maid, Explorer Dance May 28, in the Palo Alto Ward building. The party, under the direction of Stake leaders Mabel Reed and Don Bennion was considered one of the best yet by those present. Leon Prygsbyla, Palo Alto dance director was in charge of the dancing. Clever animal decorations were furnished by Palo Alto ward and prizes were given for the games played.

San Carlos Ward

Seven Home From College Studies

By H. S. Manwaring

Home from B.Y.U. for awhile are Roland Griffin, Sherre Stevens, Deverle Johnson, Sondra MacCabe, David Bigelow and Robert Linebarger. From U.C. Medical school, Welb Bigelow.

Next year we can probably say the same thing about Elaine Neilson, Crystine Rehbock and Carolyn Warner. They were graduated from Carlemont High School this month.

DONALD G. BAKER . . . Elected to Redwood City School Board.

Redwood City

Donald Baker Wins Election

In the recent campaign for positions on the board of the Redwood City School District, only one candidate listed his religious affiliation. He was a Mormon, and it didn't seem to do him any harm, for he won the election handily.

The man is Donald G. Baker of the Redwood City Ward, manager of the local Walgreen drugstore, past president of the Roosevelt school PTA, neighborhood commissioner and Palo Alto Stake leader of the Boy Scouts, 17th PTA district safety chairman, chairman of the water safety committee of the Red Cross for southern San Mateo county, member of the chamber of commerce merchants committee, the Kiwanis Club, the Redwood City School District Citizens Committee, and chairman of the Neighborhood Committee to promote a branch library.

He also found time, since coming to Redwood City about four years ago, to hold Mutual offices and be Ward Financial Clerk.

His wife,, Eloise, served as counselor in the Relief Society here for two years. TThe Bakers have three children, Janice, 9, Phillis, 7, and Holly, 6 months.

Baker has been a store manager nine years, and was recently awarded a diamond pin for 15 years service with the company.

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Mission Ward

Primary Final Social Conducted; Doctors And Families Departing

After a busy and successful winter's work the officers and teachers of the ward Primary with their mates, enjoyed an evening of fun and frolic at the Holly Court Social Hall recently. The room was festive with flowers, long tables were attractively decorated with red, yellow and blue flags. Games were enjoyed and surprise stork gifts were pesented to Joy Mume and Joyce Heder.

Summer vacation time brings many fond farewells and welcome to many new friends. The Dr. Russell Humes are soon leaving our ward to make their home in San Jose where Dr. Hulme will open a private practice. He has been at Stanford Lane Hospital for the past four years specializing in obstetrics and gynecology. This family have become dear to ward members for the many ways in which they have served. Dr. Hume has most recently been Sunday School Superintendent and his wife, Joy, a teacher in literature and social science in Relief Society. The Dr. Guy Heders are soon leaving for Glendora, California, where they will make their home. Dr. Heder has been interning at Southern Pacific Hospital. Joyce Heder has been a valiant worker in the Primary. The George Stott family has returned to Mission ward from Salt Lake City. He will enter dental college here. Students home from Brigham Young University for the summer are Patsy Unck and Gayle Breitenbuecher.

Through an oversight the following names were omitted from the group visiting the Los Angeles Temple in May: Alma Libby, Judy Jaynes, Gwen Tauffer and Sonja Swenson.

John Reeves, scoutmaster of troop 107 led out in a new adventure for scouts at Lake Alpine during the week of June 17. He and patrol leaders, Ronnie McKune, Terry Earnshaw, Melvin Barber and Mark Liddell, spent five days in the high mountain area on a survival hike where the boys learned to be resourceful and self reliant under emergency conditions in primitive areas.

Virginia Van was hostess for a baby shower given in honor of Reane Hunter Stallings at the Esther Cammerer home on June 17. There were about twenty young friends of the honor guest present.

Missionary Call Is Familiar To Nielson Family

Catherine Neilson, called from the Oakland Third Ward to a mission in the New England States, is leaving a teaching job in the San Leandro schools to take the Church assignment.

Her farewell testimonial was held May 26th. Catherine, who was graduated from Snow Branch Agricultural College in Ephriam, Utah, in May, 1953, was graduated from Brigham Young University at Provo in June 1955. At the "Y" she was a member of the Madrigal Singers, vocal group which toured through Eastern states and appeared before wives of Cabinet members.

She participated in the "America Witness for Christ" pagent at Palmyra, New York, during the summer of 1955.

Since graduation she has taugnt the third and fifth grades at Grover Cleveland School in San Leandro.

Catherine is the daughter of Patriarch Glen J. Nielson and Virgina Kirman Nielson. She has three sisters, Barbara, 17; Marilyn, 11, and Margaret, 9, and a brother, Lawrence (Larry) G. Nielson, who is on a mission in Samoa. He left last September.

MISSION WARD Primary officers and teachers are shown as they gathered at closing party. From left, (seated) Vera Gibbey, Joy Hulme, Joyce Champion, Venna Smith, president; Emma Downs, first counselor; Donna McAlister, second counselor; (standing) Louis Celentano, bishopric advisor; Emma Lockwood, Joyce Heder, Myrtle Nelson, Thea Swenson, Faye Peterson, and Brother Bigelow, Cub Scout leader.

Balboa Second

Skagfjord In New RR Post

By Lola Geary

Bernard Skagfjord, member of the bishopric, has received an assignment of work on his job with the railroad at San Luis Obispo. He plans to maintain his family here and commuting on his days off.

Elder Stephen L. Leavell left June 18 to start his mission in the Central Atlantic Mission. The ward also has a missionary in the Northwestern States mission, Elder Gene Pinkerman.

The Sixth Quorum of Elders has been newly organized with the following officers: Ellis Lambson, Richard Valentine and Wayne Burton. Sister Lois Cottle, Primary President, and family have moved to Santa Rosa where her husband is presently employed

The Relief Society held a rummage sale on McAllister St. on June 20.

Children blessed: Christi Ann and Janet Lee Davis. Baptisms: Alfred Lee Hawkins and Paula Iva Maria Kroeger, converts. Robert Kuebler was ordained an elder on May 19.

Los Altos Ward

Shower Is Held For Laurie Egan

In honor of Laurie Jean Eagan, newest member of Bishop Lyle B. Egan's family, the ladies of the Los Altos Ward held a baby shower, June 6, which soon developed into a virtual downpour of gifts to celebrate the happy occasion. Born May 15 (1957) Laurie received her blessing by the bishop in the Los Altos Chapel early in June.

Through adoption, she becomes the fifth member of the family consisting of himself, his wife, Delores, and their two daughters, Sandra Lee and Sharon Lou.

Wilford Greaves Funeral Is Held

Funeral Services for Wilford T. Greaves, who died May 23 while at work, were held in the Balboa Second Ward Chapel.

Brother Greaves served in Boy Scout work for 18 years and was Troop Committee chairman for Troou 107, and assistant Scoutmaster of Pack 107 of Balboa Second and Mission wards. He is survived by a sister, Jane Hanson, and a brother, Robert Greaves, of Provo, Utah.

Elizabeth Fuhriman To Dentistry School

Elizabeth Fuhriman from the Oakland Fifth Ward is one of eighteen girls to be accepted at the University of California College of Dentistry in the Dental Hygiene Department. She will register for the fall term.

Elizabeth was a former student at the BYU and Stanford University and during the summer has been with the BYU student group on a tour of Europe. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David H. Fuhriman.

Shower Party For Dorothy Wanlass

Rodeo Ward A bridal shower honoring Miss Dorthy Wanlass was a pleasant occasion, held at the home of her cousin, Mrs. Dorlene De Tomasi in Crockett, on May 17. Assistants were Mrs. Lorraine Laird of Vallejo and Mrs. Florence Wanlass, Rodeo, cousin and aunt of the prospective bride. Miss Wanlass married Dean Wilson in the Los Angeles Temple on May 22. Geneva Wanlass motored up from Santa Maria to attend her daughter's shower.

Balboa First

Earthquakes Add Plea For Chapel Funds

The Balboa First Ward doesn't let a little thing like the recent earthquake dampen their zeal for a new ward chapel.

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STEPHEN L. LEAVELL . . .Held two jobs to become missionary.

Balboa Second

2 Jobs Helped Toward Mission

Stephen L. Leavell, who departed for the Central Atlantic Mission June 20, wasn't afraid of hard work if it would help him on his mission. Stephen, who is 20, attended Brigham Young University for a year and a half when he quit in order to work to help pay his mission expenses. He held two eight-hour jobs during this period.

Elder Leavell, a fairly recent arrival in the ward, was honored at a farewell testimonial in the Balboa Second Ward before his departure.

"Everyone listening to the words of Stephen and his father was deeply touched by their testimony, and by Stephen's burning desire to fulfill a mission," said Lola Geary, Messenger correspondent. "The testimonial was inspiring."

Afterwards refreshments were served in the Junior Sunday School.

The program included: Invocation, Charles Nauman; trio, Shiela Peterson, Christine Politis and Ellene Politis; remarks, Richard Cook, Bishop John O. Breckon, Leon Leavell (father) and Stepnen L. Leavell. The congregation sang two numbers.

Sunset Ward

Schools Honor Sunset Girls

Kathleen McDonald has been awarded a renewal of scholarship by Brigham Young University. She is one of ten of the 3,000 freshmen at the "Y" to have received this award. Kathleen was feted at assemblies as well as luncheons before leaving school this last quarter to return here for the summer.

Suzanne R. Hawes, daughter of John and Therma Roberts was awarded her B.A. Magnum cum Laude at Brown University where she was an Elisha Benjamin Andrews scholar. She took part in the Basketball, Softball, and Volleyball Clubs and was a representative to the Women's Athletic Association.

Summer Primary opened June 19 with a party at 10 a.m. which will be the hour for Primary throughout the vacation months.

While President Claire Engel and family are away the latter part of June and into the month of July vacationing and the Mayfield family also, Florence Banks will serve as head of the Primary.

Most successful was the Annual Primary Potluck supper and social. A good attendance and a well planned program made this a memorable evening and was climaxed, as usual, by the husbands entertaining all with their hat parade.

Alice Giles is away on leave from Primary following the birth of a little daughter, Susan Elizabeth.

Palo Alto Stake's Ward Teaching Up

Ward teaching in Palo Alto Stake has topped 89 per cent for the first four months of 1957.

Ten of 12 wards in April exceeded 90 per cent ward teaching, led by San Mateo Second and San Carlos Wards with 9.8 per cent.

San Francisco Stake Reporters

Stake—Jean Lauper
Balboa I—Duane H. Hyer
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Sessions Inspiring At S. F. Conference

A capacity congregation gathered in the San Francisco Stake Stake House June 2 for the first general session of what was one of the most inspirational conferences in the history of the stake.

Visitors from church headquarters were Elders Harold B. Lee of the Council of the Twelve and Glen Rudd of the Church Welfare Committee.

President S. J. Lauper spoke of the welfare plan of Joseph of Egypt and this set the theme for the meeting. Elder Rudd continued by reading from the scriptures the conclusion of the story: that when the seven years of famine were over, the Pharaoh, with Joseph's help, owned the entire country and everyone in it was his slave. He said our Bishops storehouse would not provide one good meal for the huge congregation present, but under the Lord's plan, welfare supplies are spread throughout the Church, a two years supply in the home of every faithful member. This would take the church membership through great difficulties, and they would emerge free men, and without debt.

ELDER LEE spoke of the shrewdness of Joseph of Egypt, and urged Church members to beware of modern day Pharaohs who might enslave them and to work in the Lord's way for their own good. He said we must not expect the Lord to create miracles to do the things we should do for ourselves. The plan of the Church teaches this. He quoted Nephi's prophecy, "Woe unto him that is at ease in Zion—" Let us grow in faith as we have in numbers, he urged. Elder Lee told achievement is possible first through the organization of the church; second through the authority of the Priesthood; third, if members have the will to sacrifice, and fourth, the strength of individual testimony.

Elder Lee congratulated the women of the stake for completing the largest welfare assignment yet, and in the shortest time. He called upon Ann Barton to speak briefly and she told of the sweet spirit of the women who worked on this project, of their efficiency and industry. Elder Lee called upon the Priesthood to help the sisters in this work. Rudd congratulated the stake upon its welfare accomplishment.

IN THE AFTERNOON a huge crowd gathered again to hear Elders Lee and Rudd. A delightful tribute to Brother Lee was presented when a chorus of 105 Primary children, seated in a body in the audience, sang to him. So pleased was he that before the meeting was over he asked them to repeat their number.

In his capacity as advisor to the Primary organization he urged Church members to be worthy of developing faith in children. He said the eyes of the children are always upon us and we must be an example, to them, to guard their modesty, to give them proper leadership. He said we will be called to account to those whose name we bear, and to Jesus Christ for bearing the name of his church.

The evening meeting under the direction of the MIA was as inspirational as the former ones. "For This is Life Eternal," a choral reading with 10 readers under the direction of Darlene Irwin of San Francisco Ward, and a chorus directed by Jean Lauper, presented, very beautifully, the reading course book Jesus The Christ, then Elder Lee spoke of chastity, and Temple marriage, and said he felt this was the time to tell how he obtained his personal testimony. All present were deeply stirred by his experience.

DURING THE PAST few weeks many changes have taken place in ward and stake leadership.

Released from the High Council was Louis D. Allen. Sustained to this same body was Gordon Paxman of San Francisco Ward.

Released as president of the Stake Mission was Carl Coombs Sr. of San Rafael, with his counselors. Sustained to fill these positions were W. Fred Grow as president, with Louis Celentano and William Hendershott as counselors. Released as Bishop of San Rafael Ward was Weston L. Roe and his counselors Juan Lynn and Donald W. Willmore. Sustained were Carl Coombs Sr. as Bishop with Dr. Henry Savage Sr. and Donald W. Willmore as counselors.

Released as Bishop of Mission Ward were Joseph L. Harper and his counselors Vinal R. Lefler and Louis Celentano. Sustained were Vinal R. Lefler as Bishop with James W. McCallister, formerly of the Chinese Polynesian Branch presidency, and Conrad Barber, as counselors.

Released as counselors to Bishop Barton of Balboa Ward, William F. Starkey and Richard J. Millward. Sustained as counselors were Ellis J. Raine and Haldane V. Cashdollar.

SAN FRANCISCO Stake Priesthood leadership was well represented in attending the Solemn Assembly in the Los Angeles Temple June 9. Sixty-four members were present. Many of these men with their wives went early enough to attend the regular Temple sessions on Saturday. As some of those who wanted to attend were unable to rent the necessary clothing because of the huge crowd present, it is urged that all those eligible for this blessing be prepared with their own Temple clothing.

Visiting at the home of President and Mrs. S. J. Lauper are their daughters Georgia, (Mrs. Crawford Gates) of Provo, Utah, with her son and daughter, and Claudia, (Mrs. Richard L. Bushman) of Cambridge, Mass. with her small daughter. Richard Bushman will join his family and spend a week or so in San Francisco before returning with them to the east.

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"Behold I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek shall suddenly come to his temple."
—Malachi 3:1.

Full-time Missionaries Baptise 589 in 5 Months

"We are pleased to extend to the many members of the Church in the Bay Area our thanks and appreciation for the many kindnesses which they have extended to the 140 missionaries of the Northern California Mission," said President J. Leonard Love of the Northern California Mission.

"By hard work and fine cooperation with some of the members of the Church in giving the missionaries names or friends that are interested in the Gospel, the full-time missionaries of the Northern California Mission, have baptized 589 new members into the Church during the first five months this year.

"We will appreciate our bishops doing everything to make these fine people welcome and to encourage all the members of their wards to continue to furnish names of people interested in the Gospel to our missionaries."

Los Angeles Area Sets a Pattern With Its Busy Deseret Industries

By I. B. Ball

We came away from a two-hour tour of Southern California's Desert Industries while in Los Angeles in June with the feeling that the Bay Area is unnecessarily missing something vital in the total Welfare picture.

Imagine a church-owned 300 by 200 foot one-story building in a busy semi-industrial section of the city a block away from a huge Sears store. See in that building one large section set apart as a retail store for the sale of recondioned rummage of all sorts.

In another and the larger part see scores of departments where the collected rummage is sorted and repaired or rebuilt, sterilized, newly covered and painted and made as "good as new."

In the Los Angeles Deseret Industries, for that is its overall name, we saw more than 150 church members otherwise unemployed happily busy at tasks they do. Experts recondition usable rummage which is systematically collected on set schedules for each of the surrounding stakes. Large church-owned trucks are on hand for this service.

WE VISITED the huge public sales rooms that look much like great department stores where this refurbished material is sold to the eager public that crowds the store from morning to evening. We were informed that selling is not a problem at any time. The sales amount to thousands of dollars weekly. More and more the emphasis is being put on reminding the saints to send in rummage for reconditioning.

This Deseret Industries is manifestly a double blessing, first to the LDS men and women employed at the plant who thus are kept busy while supplementing their incomes according to their needs. And next to the grateful people who come to purchase at low prices the things they otherwise would not de abie to enjoy. They are vocal in expressing appreciation for this Mormon Church operation in their area.

Evidently patterned after or suggested by the nation-wide "Goodwill Industries" the Church has improved and vastly expanded the scope of this simple plan of providing work for the unemployed among us.

TWO LATE extensions of the Deseret Industries are worth mentioning. One is the opening of "decentralized units" of the Industries in three district areas so that the workers may be saved much travel to and from their duties. These units each provide salesrooms, work rooms and storage area. But their general operation is meshed with the parent store.

The other extension of the work is called the "Home Bound Work Project." It is proving a blessing to many Church members who for physical reasons cannot leave their homes but otherwise are able to work. At the same time this extension is of benefit to the Deseret Industries in that it has increased greatly the supply of salable goods for their retail stores.

The operation is simple. Work directors in the various wards conferng with the bishoprics and Relief Society presidents discover potential home-bound workers and report the cases to manager John Iverson at the main office. Suitable cleaned rummage fitted to each individual case is then taken to the homes and instructions given.

THE FINISHED articles are taken to the central plant for appraisal and checks made out to the workers and taken to their homes.

These home-bound projects now include lamp shades, dolls, small appliances and wheel goods such as bicycles and tricycles, clothing and many other items. Recently in one month 1,875 separate items were thus salvaged and sold for sizable sums at sales rooms.

As we completed our tour the genial and able manager Elder John Iverson remarked that they are always pleased to have friends come to learn what is being done. We noted the address: 2720 East 11th Street Los Angeles 23. Phone AN 2-1193.

Deseret Industries originated in Salt Lake City where one is still the biggest in the Church. Ogden, Logan and Provo also have similar operations as part of their welfare plan.

Rare Books On Mormons Displayed

A display of 16 rare and distinctive printed works relating to the early history of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was being exhibited through June 15 in the reading room of the Bancroft Library, library annex, University of California.

Among the works on view are the five editions of the "Book of Mormon," published during the lifetime of Joseph Smith: the Palmyra first edition of 1830; the much rarer Kirtland edition of 1837; the Nauvoo editions of 1840 and 1842; and the first English edition of 1841.

A copy of the extremely rare "Book of Cmmandments" published in 1833, is accompanied by a first edition (1834) of the work which superseded it, "Doctrine and Covenants." Also included are first editions of "Voice of Warning," dated New York, 1837, and "An Interesting Account of Several Remarkable Visions," Edinburgh, 1840.

One of the particularly noteworthy items is a copy of the "Constitution of the State of Deseret," published at Kanesville, Iowa, by Orson Hyde in 1849, when people of Utah made their first effort to obtain admission into the Union.

San Francisco Stake

A Scotswoman's Lament Leads To Happy Reform

By Elizabeth Young, S.F. Stake

As a Scotchwoman, I have always been proud of my lineage, bearing as I do on both parental sides, the names of two famous clans. It is well that we should be proud of our lineage, but there is another aspect to this, and it is bought fourth in the following verses:

If you could see your ancestors
All standing in a row
Would you be proud of them or not,
Or don't you really know.
Some strange discoveries are made
By climbing family trees
And some of them perhaps
Do not exactly please
If you could see your ancestors
All standing in a row
There might be some of them perhaps
You wouldn't care to know;
But here's another question
Which requires a different view-
If you could see your ancestors
Would they be proud of you?

Is not this a disturbing thought? I know that at the present time my ancestors are not very proud of me, and will not be until I (who has been privileged to know the truth) will get busy, searching out, and compiling their names to be sent into the Temples of the Lord, there to have the saving ordinances of the Gospel performed for them.

I joined the Church in Scotland when 18 years of age, and although I have always had a testimony of temple work which includes work for the dead, I have never done much about it.

Now this is sad when one thinks of the hundreds of names and dates I could have compiled before I left my native land to come to the United States.

I did on one occasion before I left Scotland go to Curden and Peterhead where my mother's people were born, and buried, but I knew really nothing about research. I only recorded the names and death dates of my kin. I thought if they were dead that was all that was needed.

Since I have attended Sister Schier's classes, I have been taught that we should strive to prove the authenticity of our pedigree, and record all dates and especially marriage dates; also that recording of these dates will lead to other information. I have now found my lost ancestors by retracing their footsteps in localities that I traced by reading material suggested in the genealogical sessions at Sunset Ward.

MY TESTIMONY

By Mabel B. Liddell

The faith of a little child is perfect—a faith so untarnished by man's learning that it is certainly, a heavenly gift. To that kind of faith there are no miracles, there is simply a kind Heavenly Father who makes all things right.

We are indebted to Vera Merrill Murray, now serving as education counselor in the Presidency of the San Francisco Stake Relief Society Board, for this cherished experience of her childhood.

When she was very young she was seriously ill from Scarlet Fever. She lived in Richmond, Utah with her parents, Charles and Anna S. Merrill and at that time there were no magic drugs to assuage the maiming results of chidhood disease.

Finally her condition became more and more critical until it was known that the fury of the infection had settled in her eyes. For three long days she was unable to see at all.

In her own words she tells of the events that followed: "I called to my father and asked him to call Uncle Alma, (Alma Merrill, then President of Benson Stake) and Brother William Waddoups to come and help him administer to me. I knew I'd be all right if this were done.

"I remember as though it were yesterday, hearing my father talking to the men outside my room. He told them that I had a lot of faith and that he felt sure I'd be all right **because of my faith.**

"All three men came into my room and laid their hands upon my head. I believe Brother Waddoups pronounced the blessing and as soon as they removed their hands **I could see."**

In later years when Sister Murray received her patriarchal blessing, a part of it contained this beautiful explanation:

"The testimony of the gospel was so firmly planted in your young and tender mind that you will never depart from the faith. Your life has been spared in answer to prayer which has given you a perfect knowledge that God lives and does hear and answer prayer. You have been blessed with great faith . ."

Sister Murray seldom relates this experience—it is much too dear to her to be easily expressed in words Very often however, in testimony meeting she steps to the piano and tenderly plays the beloved Latter-day Saint hymns that are inspiring to us all. In this manner she shares her testimony that has grown steadily stronger throughout her life, since that day in her early childhood when her sight was restored through the power of the Priesthood.

Centerville Ward

Each Ward Has An Assignment To Perform Temple Endowments

PROBLEM: Each ward has an assignment by the Los Angeles Temple Advisory Committee to perform endowments for the dead each month equal to 2% of each ward's membership.

PREPARATION: Prepare to obtain your own family Pedigree Chart and commence or continue the research necessary to compile and complete the requisite Family Group sheets for submission to the Temple Records Index Bureau in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Don't delay—do it now! It's very interesting and even fun! Join your ward genealogy class.

It is recommended that when you submit family group record sheets that you assign them to the TEMPLE FILE rather than keep them in a "family file"; or designate that they be sent to a certain temple for baptisms and endownment ordinances. They will be done quicker and much more effeciently of you put them in the **Temple File.** It you wish to arrange for your family to perform the SEALINGS you may do so if you so specify when you submit the sheets for processing.

Obtain a Temple recommend for the Los Angeles Temple from your bishop and have your stake president certify it.

SOLUTION: Attend endownment sessions at the temple whenever you are in the area or plan your vacations to include a visit to the temple. Also join the stake temple excussions.

The Los Angeles Temple is closed every Tuesday and Sunday.

Names are issued for 45 minutes prior to each session's starting time, which on week days is as follows: 9 a.m., 2 p.m., 6:30 p.m., & 7:30 p.m. A special session for "Living Endowments", marriages & sealings is held each week day at 8 a.m.

The sessions on Saturdays are at 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. (The second session at 8:15 a.m. is for "Ordinances for the Living".) The first and fifth Saturdays each month are reserved for the Priesthood (only).

Mormon Question During Civil War Thesis of Dr. Poll

By Blaine Larson-Crowther

Richard Douglas Poll was awarded the Ph.D. in history in September, 1948, at the University of California. Previously, he had taken his A.B. and M.A. at Texas Christian University.

The Mormon question in politics during the decade preceding the Civil War is the subject of Dr. Poll's thesis. The peculiarities of the Latter-day Saints appealed to the reform spirit which was particularly strong at this time in the United States.

Also plural marriage suggested to the anti-slavery spokesmen on slavery and polygramy, "twin relics of barbarism for the Republican platform of 1856. By getting congress to act against polygamy, it was hoped to also secure legislation against the other "peculiar institution," slavery.

After Kansas shocked the North by voting to become a slave state, both Utah and Kansas were held as horrible examples of Stephen H. Douglas's "popular sovereignty" embodied in the Kansas-Nebraska Act of 1854.

Convinced that the Mormons were not only immoral but rebellious, and being desirous of acquitting his party of the charge of partiality toward the Saints, President Buchanan sent an army to Utah to replace Brigham Young with a non-Mormon governor. The Utah War of 1857-1858 resulted. Republicans in congress, having vociferously demanded action relative to the Mormons, now resisted every administration proposal to strengthen or supply the Utah Expedition.

After repeated introductions of measures in Congress, Justin S. Morrill's anti-polygamy bill passed in 1860, but did not become law until 1862. The lack of provisions for or, real interest in the enforcement of the act suggest that congressmen were chiefly interested in discharging their 1856 campaign pledge and quieting reformers.

The Civil War pushed the Latter-day Saints from national attention, but the beginning of mining activity in Utah presaged a Gentile influx which was to make the Mormon question a vexing political and social issue for the next four decades.

For those interested, both theses can be found in the University of California Library at Berkeley, California.

Dr. W. B. Hales Family Establishes Scholastic Record

A record of some 70 years as students at Brigham Young University has been achieved by the family of Dr. and Mrs. Wayne B. Hales of Provo, Utah.

One of the Hales sons, Dr. Richard W. Hales, was active in the Berkeley Ward for two years prior to the time he obtained his PhD at the University of California, Berkeley, in 1952. He now is bishop of the Provo Twelfth Ward and associate professor of physics at BYU.

The head of the family, Dr. Hales, is professor and chairman of the Department of Physics at BYU and is bishop of the BYU Campus Sixth Ward.

With the awarding of an M.D. degree to son Robert in June 1857, all male members of the family are now doctors. They are Dr. J. Vern Hales, professor and chairman of the department of meteorology at the University of Utah and president of Intermountain Weather, Inc., and Dr. Wilson Hales, a medical doctor.

There are also two daughters in the Hales family.

THE TEMPLE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE SUMMER from June 29th to August 5th. There will also be holidays on May 30th., September 2nd., and November 28th and 29th. The temple will close for the year December 21st. and reopen on January 2, 1958.

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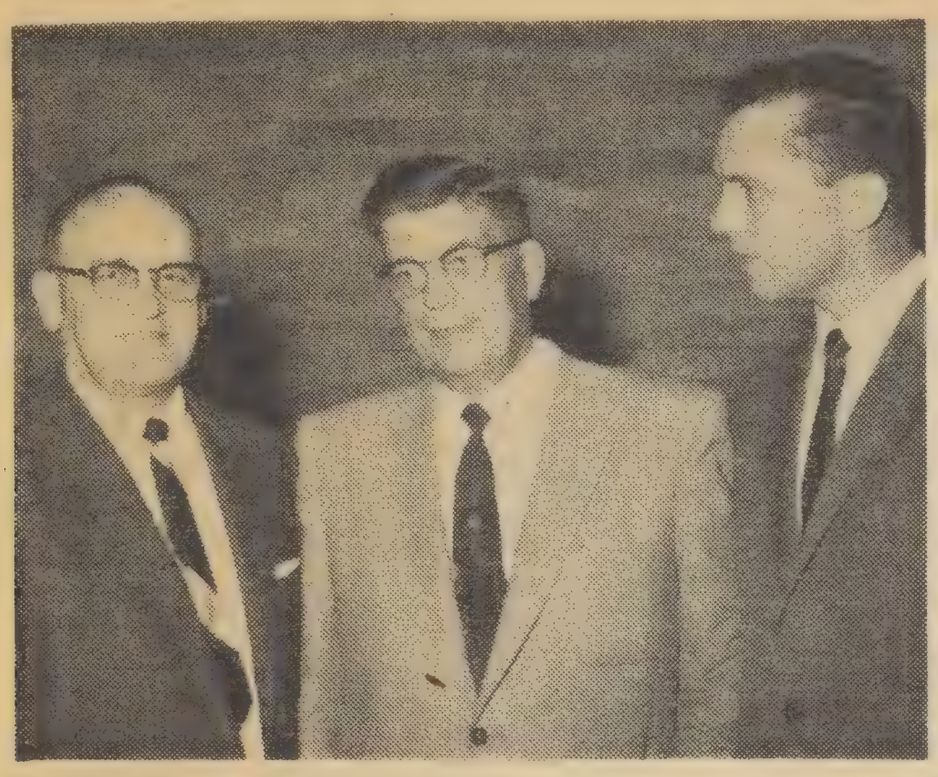

PRESIDENT O. LESLIE STONE (left) of the Oakland-Berkeley Stake, is shown here with two general authorities discussing problems of the stake which is still less than a year old. In the center is Elder elRay Christensen, assistant to the Council of the Twelve, and (right) is Elder Arben O. Clark of the General Welfare Committee. The Salt Lake City visitors attended the Oakland-Berkeley Stake Quarterly Conference, held in Oakland.

Opportunity Knocks In British Research

Opportunity is knocking for persons interested in British reasearch.

Small groups of four to six persons interested in such research are invited to take four intensive lessons designed to help them dig out their own records in Great Britain. The invitation comes from Mary B. Russell, 3737 Coolidge Ave., Oakland 2. She asks those interested to write her at that address for reservations.

"I hope that many will take advantage of this opportunity as I have had 26 years experience in British research, and can help many solve their problems," she said.

"Childrens" Friend On Magazine Racks

"Childrens' Friend," the outstanding children's magazine puvlished monthly by the Primary Association was seen on sale at public display racks in May and June in the Bay area.

This practice will continue as a new policy of the General Primary Board to reach the general reading public with this clever periodical with its great variety of departments to interest and instruct the child and to aid and inform the mother.

It is felt that this move is in the public interest and also good publicity for the program of the church for the youth of America and will meet with sympathetic support from the membership everywhere.

Richmond Ward

Groves Promotion Take Family East

By Beverly F. Stevenson

Fond farewells, and well wishes are in order for the Dick Groves family. They are off to Detroit to make their home. Dick has received a promotion in his work and has been transferred. He has gone ahead to locate a home and will return for the family to drive them back in early July. Dick has been serving as a counselor in the Sunday School Superintendency.

The Bart Czirrs are also leaving the ward. Their new home is in student housing in the University of California project. Bart has been leading the Teacher Training class for the Sunday School. His wife, Shanna, has been literature leader in the Relief Society, and also chorister in the Junior Sunday School.

Another diligent Richmond ward family has left for a new home in the El Sobrante area. They are the Louis Oborns. Louis has taught the Gospel doctrine class in Sunday School and been active in priesthood. JoAnn has been chorister in Sunday School and also served as a Sunday School teacher, besides being active in other auxillaries.

On June 7 a surprise shower was given for JoAnn Oborn at the home of Addie Stoddard. On hand to honor the mother-to-be were 20 guests. The shower was in charge of Eva Ashcroft and Shanna Czirr.

The Howard Childs and Mel Parsons (Bishop's counselors) motored to Los Angeles together to attend the Solemn Assembly. They spent three nights in Los Angeles and were able to attend a few temple sessions. They reported this to be a wonderful experience.

Thelma Moody is now a full fledged member of the "Grandmother's Club." Daughter Fonell gave birth to a baby girl in Salt Lake City recently.

Bea Parsons and Lucy Morley took their Primary Larks and Bluebirds to Alvarado Park for a cooking picnic. Eleven energetic girls enjoyed romping, hiking, and a hilarious time.

Graduating from Primary on June 16 was Richard Cavin. Richard was converted to the Church through his attendance at Primary. He was baptized two years ago.

Everyone of MIA age is in for a treat July 24. There will be a big "Pioneer Day" celebration at the Richmond ward. The decorations, games and dances will carry out the Pioneer theme.

June 15 marked the day Bert Barker's Sunday School class enjoyed swimming, sunning and picnicing at Stinson Beach. Sunburned faces and bodies sat uncomfortably in Sunday School the next morning. There were 18 present at the teenage party.

The Eldwin Lanes treated the Teacher's quorum to a swimming and hiking party at Shell Beach. The boys also enjoyed a scavenger hunt.

The Nackoses Visit Relatives

Mr and Mrs. James C. Nackos (he is bishop's counselor in Oakland Fourth Ward) had as a passenger Isaac B. Ball of Berkeley as they drove to and from Los Angeles in early June.

Arriving three days ahead of the Sunday, June 9, Solemn Assembly in the Temple allowed Mr. and Mrs. Nackos time to visit relatives ond also time for Patriarch Ball to spend two days in the Temple doing work for the dead. Mrs. Nackos has a brother and sister and Mr. Nackos has three brothers in the Southland, all of whom they visited. Bro. Ball was a guest of Leo J. Muir.

Brothers Nackos and Ball also attended a meeting Saturday night, June 8, of the missionaries to the Jews laboring in several stakes in the area. Elder LeGrande Richards addressed the meeting as also did Mrs. Marie Reid who became well known in Southern California not only for her national prominence as a business woman in the field of swimming suits but for her contributions in the missionary work for the Jews.

It was announced at the meeting that 14 lessons which she has developed in demonstration sessions of a missionary training course will now be published for the benefit of missionaries to the Jews as suggestive material.

The Nackoses and Bro. Ball took time out to visit the new chapel of the Harmony Hill Branch of the Church, near San Juan Bautista, a cooperative home-owning project that was begun by a dozen young families from the Oakland-Berkeley-Hayward area about 15 years ago. Success has crowned their efforts.

MARIE PEARCE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Linford L. Pearce, and L. Le Grande Fletcher, son of Mrs. David Smith Fletcher, whose marriage was solemnized in the Los Angeles Temple. A reception for the popular couple was held June 28 in the Oakland Fourth Ward.

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Cora Hallford and her counselors, Mataniu Fonoimoan and Ethel Larson heve been released from the Relief Society Presidency with a vote of thanks for their faithful services. Cora has served as president since July 1954 and as a Counselor from 1952 to 1954. Her previous counselors were Lavern Millard and LaRue Bosworth.

The new president is Delora Pugh, her counselors are Ramona Carlsen and Mildred Fralick.

Erma Lane was released June 16, and Donna Obray was sustained as secretary. Erma has served faithfully for more than six years. She has served six presidents. Cora Hallford is the new magazine agent.

The Relief Society gave a luncheon June 4 when Emma Taylor of Berkeley Second ward gave an excellent Review of the Book, "The Nine Brides and Granny Hight." At the closing social June 11, the past presidents were honored, games played and light refreshments served.

Next Relief Society meeting will be July 9 at 10:30.

Members are asked to start rummaging for things they don't need and pack them for the rummage sale to be the latter part of July.

THE RELIEF SOCIETY is having another Bakery Sale (date pending) to finance the binding of Relief Society magazines from 1940 to '57.

The ward reunion dinner for the outgoing bishopric was a great success. The food and program were excellent.

The Solemn Assembly in Los Angeles Temple June 8 was attended by Bishop Sterling Nicolayson, Counselors Ralph Lane and Robert Peterson and former Bishop Arnold B. Bangerter, Larry Vincent, Jed Marcum and Wallace Seavers.

THOSE WHO went through the Temple were Robert and Mabel Peterson, Oscar and Mildred Fontano, Teila and Mataniu Fonomoana, Wallace Seavers and Leonard Warren.

The Fontanos went from Los Angeles to Henderson, Nev., to visit Milrred's son Bruce Morgan, then on to Salt Lake City for June Conference.

May 30, the YWMIA had five Honor Bees. Adris Ann Bell won first prize for making the best cake on Swarm night.

Walter Soots, Manual Counselor was released and made activity counselor. Donald Hayes was released as secretary and made manual counselor. Vivian Nicolaysen is speech director for Young Ladies and Norman Monk is speech director for Young Men.

Primary: Released were secretar Carolyn Dale and teacher Marguerite Lacy. Edna Jameson is the new co-pilot teacher.

PATRICIA HUNTER was honored with a baby shower June 15, at the home of Margaret Leibhart. Co-sponsors were Elnora Jensen and Kay Napoleon.

The Charles Eliason family and Signa Slangerup are vacationing in Salt Lake City.

Marjory Sutton is spending her vacation at home in Grantsville.

Convalescents: Clifford Brooke is back to work after his accident. Albert Malquist is convalescing at home after surgery. Margurite Lacy is back to church after hospital treatment.

Babies blessed: Pattie Ann Brock. Confirmed members: Karen Elizabeth Adams Frenchck, Diane Paulette Norton, and Ronald Carl Lane.

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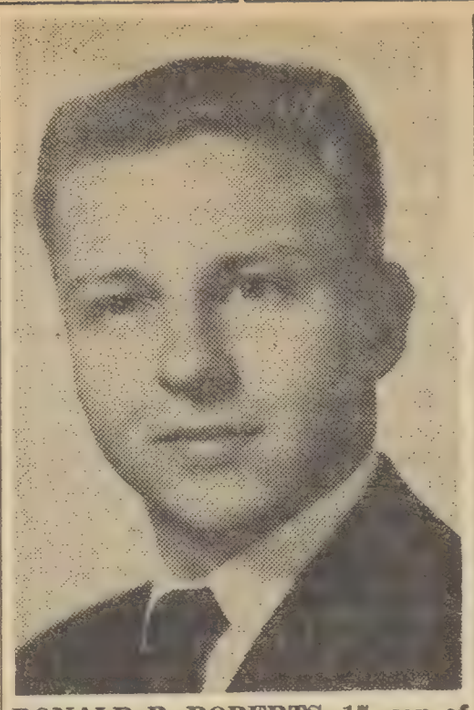

DONALD B. ROBERTS, 17, son of Murine and Josephine Roberts of Oakland Third Ward, has been awarded an $800 renewable scholarship at Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine, beginning this fall. His liberal arts course at Bowdoin, will be followed later by a course in law, it is planned. Don is an active priest, and Explorer Scout.

Alameda Ward

Gerrie S. Pinckney, Alameda Dances For the President

Gerrie Schultz Pinckney was chosen as the solo dancer to the King in a play taken from the Production "The King and I" which was sponsored by the Marine Corps for their annual entertainment for the President of the United States and all the top brass of the military services (none admitted under a Three Star General). Gerrie wore the original costume worn in that production. She later had the privilege of shaking hands with "Ike" and "Dick".

Gerrie's husband George H. Pinckney is in Quantico, Virginia, serving as a second lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps.

George and Violet Pinckney attended the Commenecement Exercises at Brigham Young University. Their son David was among the 1049 graduates. George T. also graduated but was unable to attend because he had to report for duty at Quantico.

Oakland Second

Wachter, Shaw Head Juniors

By Joanne White

Oakland Second Ward has run away with the honors again! At recent Junior M-Men, Junior Gleaner elections Larry Wachter and Karen Shaw were voted stake presidents of their respective groups. The Gleaners and M-Men of the stake elected Elverna Jacobsen as their council chairman with Shirley Rounds as Gleaner representative and Dan Quigley as M-Men representative.

We did it! Besides having a grand dinner and a wonderful time, we went over the top for our stake welfare budget.

The M. I. A. is starting off another month of activity. This time they're starting with a roller skating party. It'll be held, jointly iwth San Leandro Ward, July 2, at Rollarena.

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Berkeley Second

Phil Squires Wins Phi Beta Kappa; 13 Are Graduated From Seminary

By Ann Crockett

If Ward Pride Is Prejudiced, it's because of admiration for Phil and Gwen Squires, who quietly personify faith and works by glorifying God intelligently.

A University of California May graduate, handsome Phil Squires received his Ph.D. in Bio-Chemistry, ranking among the top 6 per cent in his field. Winner of a coveted Phi Beta Kappa, Phil was one of 16 students to be honored at an International House banquet.

As a distinguished member of hardworking "DADS" fraternity, we suggest that Phil be awarded a Golden Safety Pin for his three wonderful kids. Compliments being in order, we'd like to award an honorary degree to Gwen for her exceptional qualifications as wife and mother.

SEMINARY GRADUATES, all 13 of them, Susan Boyack, Margaret Bodily, Paül Braby, Charles Carter, Davy Crockett, Carolyn Eyring Lynette Eyring, Susanna Fife, Kathleen Ricks, Steven Roland, Deanna Shirley, Beth Ann Strebel and Margery Sabine proudly received diplomas from President Delbert Rock at a joint Ward Seminary program in their honor.

Appreciative students and parents enthusiastically acknowledged George Strebel and Marvin Follett's stimulating direction. And the students wish to thank all chauffeuring parents for their dependable, but sometimes bleary-eyed cooperation.

Intrigued by the recent article about BYU in Time magazine, Bill Crockett is summer schooling at the Y and enjoying it immensely. Guess who he ran into first day on campus? That's right, his good old Berkeley neighbor, Janet Jenson.

By the way, we hear that young brother David Jenson is now a deacon, and that big brother Richard is home from Cal Tech.

EVERYBODY KNOWS our LDS youngsters rank high in Berkeley music circles. We only wish that the ward could arrange a continuous recital so admirers could hear all of the prodigies whose various musicales often fall on the same date. May we congratulate these star performers who were featured in June recitals: Kathleen Ricks; Margaret and Widonna Bodily; Julia Summerhays; Ernest Ahlborn; Joanne Basinger; (organists); Gale and Shari Evans; Robert Olson; Pamela, Susan and Sammy Holmes; Dave Crockett and his pupils, Cathlin McGregor, and Alan Balmforth.

While kiting over the Sierras, Monday June 17, we met Flora Sears, MIA Activity Counselor, of Claremont Ward, flying home from Salt Lake City. With Nana Folkman, Maurine Pickett and Lois Sconberg, Flora had enjoyed June Conference. According to Sister Sears, Lois was there to give instruction to the Secretarial Department for the General Board, before flitting over Europe on a 10 weeks summer tour.

OTHER HIGH FLIERS who will be winging over the Atlantic to Germany this summer are Sam and Marie Holmes, accompanied by Lucille and Bill Cain. Really this is a pleasure trip. But technically speaking, it'll be a "Doleful" experience for dynamic Attorney Holmes, who is taking along a can-opener—to open the case—(of Pineapple.) His company certainly gets around . . . Hawaii to Germany . . . in one fruitful season.

Officers and teachers of the Sunday School were delightfully feted at the Ellis's hospitable St. Helena summer home, Saturday, June 8, Supt. Sam Holmes and his wife officiating.

While in Logan Utah, last week we heard that the Richard Owens family was vacationing there.

Everyone's still chuckling over the MIA closing Talent Show, directed by versatile Helen and Roy Clovis. Particularly memorable was golden throated Ellie Hammond.

Cavorting, melodious, dancing kids all gave wonderful performances. And Roy's cleverly improvised instruments really drummed up interest. So much so that Verna Johnson borrowed instruments and performers for First Ward's Music Festival.

Linda DeRouen, Shari and Gale Evans, Julie Corbett, La Dee Lloyd, Ann Balmforth, Julie Summerhays, Pat Gray, Anita and Diane Jensen, Ann Eva Franz, Delores Roberts, Jeanne and Carol Clovis lent their amusing talents.

CHRISTENINGS — Nancy Harker was blessed by her grandfather, Elmer Harker, Sunday June 2. Pamela Jan McClellan, christened by Bishop Green.

CONFIRMATIONS: Christine Webber, confirmed by Bishop Green; Michael Kevin Dubinsky, confirmed by Jean Jacobs; John Balmforth, confirmed by his father, Ray Balmforth; Douglas Jacobs confirmed by his father, Jean Jacobs; Frederick Joseph Elfelson, confirmed by Layton Lloyd.

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Oakland Third

James Wright Shows Work In Big Art Show

An Oakland Third Ward member who has been ill for 14 years, had four heart attacks and was blind, exhibited his paintings in the Sather Gate Sidewalk Art Show, held recently in Berkeley.

This remarkable achievement was realized by James Wright, secretary of the High Priests Quorum in Oakland Third, who took up painting "just to have something to do" following an injury in 1943 and subsequent illness.

Wright, an automobile machinist by trade, was chief inspector for a company doing work for the federal government when he was injured on the job. As a result he lost his equilibrium, was blind and suffered a series of serious setbacks.

But he never gave up. "I had a lot of administrations and with the help of the Lord am much better now," he said.

Although Wright is not a professional artist in that he does not teach, his oil paintings and sculpture work have attracted critical approval. Perhaps his best known work is the one hanging in the Third Ward Chapel, a picture of the Ark of the Covenant which the Lord commanded Moses to build.

The invitation to display his art work in the famous Sather Gate show is further indication of the fine quality of his work.

Palo Alto Stake

Day At Temple For Boys, Girls

Thirteen girls, all of Burlingame Ward, and 14 boys of Palo Alto Stake spent the day, June 19th, in the Los Angeles Temple perfoming baptisms for the dead. As a reward for perfect attendance at MIA, Vida Peterson, group leader of the girls, took them to Disneyland. Leader of the boys was Earl White of Menlo Park Ward.

Family files released 89 names to be done by this group, through the efforts of Stanley R. Hurst who arranges for these excursions for the Stake. The committee has appealed to members to release more names in readiness for the next Palo Alto Stake appointment for bapstisms in September.

HIGH PRIEST COMMITTEEMEN of Oakland-Berkeley Stake are shown with a display of Books of Mormon which they have placed in 26 motels and six hotels in the area. From left, they are Manton Moody, Don Allphin, Arthur L. Hopkins, first counselor in High Priest Presidency; Nathan Tolman and Elbert Gleason. Other committeemen, not pictured, are Charles Eliason, Owen Quinton and Fleming Pope.

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Oakland-Berkeley High Priests Push Book Of Mormon Project

During the past two and a half months more than 1000 Books of Mormon have been placed in 26 motels and six hotels by the Oakland-Berkeley Stake High Priests Committee, who have this project in charge.

This project was assigned by the First Presidency to high priest quorums of the Church. Don Wood, quorum president, assigned responsibility for the work to Don Allphin, Oakland Fourth Ward; Charles Eliason, Alameda; Elbert Gleason, Claremont; Manton M. Moody, Oakland Third; Fleming Pope, Oakland Ward; Owen Quinton, Berkeley Second, and Nathan Tolman, chairman, Berkeley First. Quinton and Tolman also serve the East Richmond and Richmond Ward areas.

"The project has been in operation for too short a time to estimate the number of Books of Mormon taken by tourists from the motels and hotels", said Tolman. "But we know that many of the owners have been happy to receive the books."

Approximately 85 per cent of those contacted have accepted the project.

IN EACH BOOK there is placed a coin envelope and an explanatory card. These are stapled together and taped inside the front cover. On the card the following note is printed:

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IF YOU ARE interested in more information or a personal contact, please write or phone: (Here the name, telephone and address of the committee chairman is given.)

Those who retain the book are asked to place 50 cents in the coin envelope.

The stake committeemen have had a rubber stamp made to stamp on the bottom of the envelope, which is furnished by the Church Missionary Committee, a place for the purchaser's name and address.

Twice monthly the coin envelopes are collected, and book replacements made.

By the end of this year the committee expects to have 3000 to 4000 copies placed, said Tolman.

Young Discusses Three Witnesses

Richard W. Young, Berkeley First Ward, retired director of the Federal Land Bank of Berkeley, and former chairman of the Berkeley Library Board, discussed "Witnesses to the Book of Mormon" before the Berkeley Second Ward Relief Society recently.

Dealing with the legal phases of acceptable testimony and the competency of witness. Young referred to an address delivered some years ago by a prominent Salt Lake City attorney.

In that address the legal admissibility of the testimony of the Three Witnesses to the Book of Mormon, and their competency as witnesses before a court of law were challenged.

Elder Young answered these objections point by point, showing the credibility of the Three Witnesses and sketching their life histories after they gave their written testimonies.

A transcription of the address was made by Mrs. Lucille Ream and excerpts from this may be printed in the Messenger later.

HARMONIZING at an evening barbecue are members of the Redwood City Ward Choir, which has made a record of almost 100% attendance at rehearsal the past year. An innovation is that young people are invited to join, two of whom, Winnie Varney and Lynn Enger, are seated in the grass, foreground. Asked how the record was achieved, the Choir President, Harold J. Suhlsen (extereme left), said, "Hard work, careful selection of personnel—and praper." (Photo: Gay Taylor, 1954 Stockbridge ave, Redwood City)

Y Track Team Skyline Champs

Brigham Young University's trackmen are Skyline Conference champions for the third consecutive year.

Six conference records were broken and two were tied as the Cougars amassed a total of 77 points. Montana was second, with 36½; University of Utah, third, with 29, and Utah State University (Utah Aggies) fourth, with 25⅛. The meet was held at Missoula, Mont.

Arlyn Finlinson, BYU, sprinted to a new record in the 440, :47.6. Bonham, BYU, highjumped to a new record of 6 feet 8½ inches. Gary Griffeth, BYU, tied the 9:32.8 time of Sherald James, former BYU star, in the two-mile run.

The BYU mile relay team of Wayne Chamberlain, O. Anderson, Jim Crittenden and Finlinson, exceeded their own mark with a record-shattering 3.14.4.

L. J. Silvester, Utah State, set a new mark in the shotput, 54 feet 4½ inches, and in the discus, 172 feet 4¼ inches.

Gary Eyre, Utah U., out-did his own record time in the half mile with a new record, 1:52.4. Ken Christensen, also of Utah, tied the :9.5 mark in the 100 yard dash.

ELDER J. DOUGLAS PAULSON . . . of Berkeley First Ward, has just been appointed superintendent of the YMMIA in the Finnish Mission. Elder Paulson, was a student at the University of California, Berkeley, when he received his mission call. He has labored in various sections of the rapidly-growing Finnish Mission, and is now situated at Liisankatu 5.A.22, Lappenranta, Finland. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Paulson.

School Of Nursing At BYU Wins League Accreditation

The School of Nursing at Brigham Young University has been accredited by the National League For Nursing, Inc., according to Eleanor M. Helm, secretary of the Collegiate Board of Review.

Student nurses graduating from BYU receive a bachelor's degree as well as the nursing diploma. They participate in regular class activity on campus as well as doing intern work in the Utah Valley Hospital, Latter-day Saints Hospital, Primary Children's Hospital, Utah State Mental Hospital and field work in public health.

New facilities for the School of Nursing are housed in the recently completed Smith Family Living Center. Classroom and laboratory equipment include a full scale model hospital ward with standard equipment throughout. It will be used to demonstrate many phases of actual hospital procedure.

Through the cooperation of the LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City the student nurses spend several quarters of study in the hospital receiving practical experience of varied types.

The BYU School of Nursing was founded in the fall of 1952. The first director was Miss Vivian B. Hansen. Miss L. Bernice Chapman, present director, assumed the position in the fall of 1954. At present there are 17 faculty members working with Miss Chapman.

Enrollment has increased yearly until now the total is 167 in the four-year program. On May 31 during regular BYU commencement exercises, 31 students will be graduated in nursing. This is the second year that BYU has graduated students in nursing.

Johnson Ranch Site Of Picnic For Young People

The J. Edward Johnson ranch in Orinda became the site of picnic fun on May 30, when young people from the Berkeley First, Berkeley Second, and University Wards gathered for a day of activities.

Sponsored by the Junior M-Men Junior Gleaner class of Berkeley First Ward, taught by Richard and Yvonne Johnson, the picnic included more than 100 people.

Volleyball was played followby a snipe hunt over the hills surrounding the ranch. Dinner was a barbecued steer, provided by the Johnsons. Salads, punch, and other extras were provided by the Junior Gleaners of Berkeley First.

The picnic ended with a campfire and singing.

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San Francisco

Auxiliary Leaders Report At Ward's May Conference

A representative of each auxiliary was called upon for reports to better estimate the work of the ward at the San Francisco ward conference May 26. Stake Presidency members and other stake officers attended. It was the consensus of participants that our leaders are sincerely striving to fulfill their callings and further the Lord's work.

Our Bishopric attended solemn assembly at Los Angeles Temple June 9, after going through the Temple the day before with our ward group. Attending Saturday Temple sessions were: Bishop Scoville, Kenneth Glew, Udell Poulsen, of the Bishopric; John Carleton, ward clerk and his wife, Josie; John Mairs, Dale and Billy Burnett, Charles and Ronalda Wright, Bill Orrock and William Morrison.

Selma Poulsen and two daughters, Ezma Pearsen and EuVanda Carver of Nyssa, Oregon, mother and sisters, respectively, of the San Francisco Ward's Second Counselor Udell Poulsen, were visitors in the ward June 16. Enroute from their home, they visited Temples at Salt Lake City, Manti, St. George, Mesa and Los Angeles.

Elizabeth Young has seceded from her native Scotland and taken out her American Citizenship during her birthdate month to start the new year right.

Eight new members were welcomed into San Francisco ward June 16.

Helen Perkins has become the new Relief Society secretary and Walter Moore has been made first assistant to Genealogy committee chairman William Morrison.

Bishop's Message

It is a great honor that God has given to parents to provide tabernacles of flesh for His spirit children. It is a sacred trust, and responsibility, that comes with trust. God expressly emphasized this particular trust himself: "And again, inasmuch as parents have children in Zion, or in any of her stakes which are organized, that teach them not to understand the doctrine of repentance, faith in Christ, the son of the Living God, and of baptism and the gift of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands, when eight years old, the sin be upon the heads of the parents." (D&C 68:25) May the Lord bless you in your efforts to obey God and set the right example for those who follow.

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San Francisco Stake

Balboa-Mission Seminary Group Conducts Recognition Breakfast

By Robin Craft

On the morning or May 29 the Balboa Second Ward-Mission Ward LDS Seminary enjoyed a delightful breakfast during their regular seminary hour, as the closing event of an interesting and profitable year. Special guests of the seminary were Bishop John O. Breckon of the Balboa Second Ward and Bishop Vinal R. Lefler of the Mission Ward, who, along with the seminary students and teacher, Leon F. Liddell, participated in a recognition program during the breakfast.

The program, conducted by the seminary teacher, was opened with the seminary song, composed by Mabel B. Liddell. Invocation was offered by Mary Carlson. The class Historian, Robin Craft, related the accomplishments and special events of this 1956-57 school year:

"During the current seminary year, some 31 students have been enrolled. Of these 29 were from the ninth to 12th grades and represented some eight different junior and senior high schools of San Francisco, Day City and Colma. Two high school graduates enrolled for part of the year.

"Our course of study this year has been Church History and Church Doctrine and this has been a profitable and informational year and one of inspiration. Along with the regular lesson work several very suitable and interesting film strips have been presented.

"**CLASS OFFICERS** at the close of the year were John Sullivan, president; Joan Libby, vice president; Denise McKee, secretary-treasurer; Robin Craft, historian and publicity chairman; Irma Williams, chorister; Sharon Fuller, assistant organist; Robin Craft, organist.

"Twice the seminary had furnished programs in Sacrament meeting, once in the Balboa Second Ward and once in the Mission Ward. Opportunity to participate in talks and musical numbers were given to 16 different students. Of extra interest, on May 26, were two 30-minute films secured from the Church Department of Education, one of these being 'Driven Westward' and the other 'The Choice Land.' Members of the two wards and investigators attended as guests of the seminary.

"Social events included a party held in November 1956. Some 35 students and friends engaged in games and enjoyed delicious refreshments. Also, on March 16, a theater party of 22 attended the St. Francis Theater, where Cecil B. DeMille's masterpiece, 'The Ten Commandments', was shown."

John Sullivan, the class president, spoke briefly, bearing his testimony as to the great good he had received from the seminary and expressing appreciation to all those responsible for the organizing and maintaining of this wonderful class each school morning in the religious study.

BISHOP LEFLER commended the seminary for their achievements in these pioneering years and emphasized the great opportunities provided by the Church for its youth.

Bishop Breckon commended the seminary for carrying on so splendidly at such an early hour, but told how during his boyhood it was the common thing to arise each morning at dawn and do many chores before breakfast. It was his belief we all would be better, stronger, and wiser if we would follow the example set by the early morning seminary.

Liddell, the seminary teacher and principal, expressed his appreciation appreciation for the seminary and for the students he has been privileged to work with, and felt that the coming year will be one of unusual inspiration because of the Old Testament course of study being provided, because of the splendid group of students registering for the course, and because of the first seminary graduation for San Francisco to be h ald one year hence.

THE FOLLOWING students wer recognized for their completion of seminary study: two years, Mary Carlson, Linda Laws, Joan Libby, Gerald Sherwood, Irma Williams; 1½ years, Sandra Huntter, Sharon Hunter, Diane Lindman, Mafi Teo; one year, Robin Craft, Sharon Fuller, Denise McKee; ½ year, John Sullivan.

At the close of the exercises, the students presented Liddell with a beautiful pair of gold and pearl cuff links as a token of their appreciation for his past two years in seminary.

Benediction was offered by Sharon Fuller.

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Meditations: Solemn Assemdly Moving Occasion

By I. B. Ball

On the green grounds of the Los Angeles Temple at ten o'clock of the pleasant Sunday morning of June 9, 1957, one saw gathered some 2,000 members of the Melchizedek priesthood of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints residing in the 34 stakes and the two missions within that Temple area.

Wooden stakes six feet tall had been driven in the lawns at scattered assigned spots, each stake bearing the name of a stake or mission.

About these names as rallying points gathered the various groups, headed by their respective stake presidencies or mission leaders and including high councilors, bishoprics, patriarchs, Melchizedek priesthood, quorum presidents and stake Sunday School and YMMIA superintendents.

At the appointed hour of ten these various groups began moving into the four entrances into the Temple where the respective stake presidents stood and approved their respective groups as they passed through the outer doors, and up the flights of stairs to their seats in the great upper chamber on the fourth floor of the Temple.

IN DUE TIME the First Presidency, the Twelve, the Assistants to the Twelve and the First Council of Seventy passed to their pulpit seats in the East end of the chamber while the Presiding Bishopric passed to their pulpit seats in the West end of the large room which comfortably seated the large group.

It is appropriate here to mention only general features of the five-hour meeting on that solemn occasion.

The moving power of the 2,000 assembled male voices raised in singing the Mormon classic, "O My Father" caused almost every eye to grow moist and each heart to swell with a holy emotion of adoration and loving communion with the divine Father.

Almost the same may be properly stated of the further congregational singing of the hymns, "I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go," and "I Know the My Redeemer Lives," and the sacrament song.

AMONG THE holiest mements, perhaps, of all the time in that great temple assembly came when the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to the vast assembly by the Quorum of the Twelve, assisted by the other General Authorities and by some stake presidents.

To hear the familiar sacred words of the blessing on the bread uttered by the President of the Twelve, Elder Joseph Fielding Smith, and the blessing on the water spoken by the apostle next in senority in that Council, Elder Harold B. Lee, and then to see these emblems passed to the saints assembled by the Council of the Twelve and the other General Authorities assisted by the stake president, stirred every recipient in the depths of his being. This silent period of about 13 minutes will linger long in the memories of all who were privileged to be present.

The First Presidency sat quietly in their upper pulpit seats and received the sacrament first as the bread and water were passed to the 2000 brethren in a wonderfully efficient pre-arranged order.

OF THE DETAILED proceedings of the first Solemn Assembly held in the Los Angeles for so many it is not appropriate to write at this time and place. Suffice it to say that all things moved forward with noble decorum and impressiveness insomuch that the assembled brethren felt the presence of the Holy Spirit in great beauty and power.

All things seemed to progress appropriately to the high climactic moment when the majestic, white haired President McKay spoke his parting words just preceding the closing prayer.

Speaking with an emotion-filled almost whispering, but distinct voice the revered President recited and commented upon the Savior's parting words and prayer on the occasion of the last supper with the Twelve in the upper room in Jerusalem.

As he concluded and declared that the Savior is as close to the present apostles as he was to the first Twelve when he fellowshipped with them in his Palestinian ministry, the audience knew in their hearts that he spoke of a holy commuion that is very real in the guidence of the Lord's annointed in our day.

And when the President extended that reference which he had made to the present Council of the Twelve and added, "and to you brethren also," the assembled priesthood felt the significance of his words and accepted them with joyful acknowledgement.

Newspapers Provide Direct Help On Genealogy Problems

By E. V. Schier

School's out—and with the eagerness of a gourmet, the self-help genealogist looks two directions, first to places for family lore, and then to the gasoline budget. Rarely they ever agree.

Maybe the family will agree to visit Aunt Hannah and Uncle Jake near the old town and cemetery, the children can help chase the sheep, and Ma can "run down the family-lines" at the old print shop, that sends the "weekly news."

Persons could save time on these venures, if they would consult telephone books, in their motels, and take a list of the printers and publishers from the "Yellow Pages" in local books, or through the counties planned to be visited. Plan to arrive in small towns in afternoon, as most rural libraries have a noon to five p.m. schedule in summertime. Consult Ayers Newspaper Index for names of papers, addresses, and type of circulation—daily or weekly.

Sometimes the monument works or stonecutter will have a better clue to exact date of deceased and other family members, and this date will give a better lead for items from the newspaper office. you must have your query centralized, month and year, as most newspapers are filed by month, in books of three months to six month periods. In the Mother Lode Country of California the town papers have splendid complete files in most instances.

Another fallacy—don't try to obtain free notices by asking for missing persons, when you know they are deceased. Place a straight query in the personal column, stating that you would like to meet person or persons having data or knowledge of relatives (give name, approximate date of residence in locality, occupation, veteran or fraternal or church affiliation) or mention some honor given to them. Make arrangements to have advertisement run at least three to five times at intervals of semi-monthly or monthly. The advertisement costs are nominal, and printer and you are on a business basis, and you will be surprised to note how much added personal effort comes from members of the fourth estate.

Many town newspaper offices have helped townspeople thousands of miles from home, by arranging for a fee, to send "clippings" of any mention of the family name, on a yearly subscription basis. I have seen some marvelous results obtained in this manner for class members.

SOMETIMES WHEN you are staying at a commercial or approved traveler motel for a week or more, you might had an advertisement placed in the busieness column, that you would be pleased to purchase books pertaining to incident regarding (mention family name) if they are pioneers or old settlers. I have obtained several old Church Centenial Programs and Memorial Books, wth pictures, that have become priceless to our family members. The southern states have many of these publications, and may be found also in the outside boxes of old-book stores.

It is well known that all the newspapers of the world have a query department, where your standard problem, as regards oldest church, local shipping records, any mention of name in their library or morgue ,files will be noted. Be sure and enclose U. S. reply coupon.

Berkeley First

Local People On June "Era" Cover

By D. L. Letham

In case you haven't taken a yood look at the cover of the June Improvement Era, you should. A number of our Berkeley area people are on it. The first girl to the rignt of the statue is Sidney Simpson of Walnut Creek. Next, facing the camera is Sue Bailey, then Sue Fife with her back to the camera. The next boy facing the camera is Roger Rassmusen from Walnut Creek. The girl to the right of Roger is Linda Baer. Behind Linda is Connie Sparks and Margie Sabine. Then facing the camera is Jean Habehoos. Skip one woman and we come to Lavon Eyring with her back to us, then Carolyn Eyring facing us and lastly Lynette Eyring, facing away from the camera. As you can see, this is a collection of some of the ward's prettiest girls and we can see why the photographer took the picture.

FRIDAY EVENING June 28, the Elders' Quorum sponsored an all Walt Disney movie. The purpose of this movie was to raise money for the Elders' Quorum Missionary Fund. Others are going to follow and will be announced well in advance so you can plan on seeing them.

The entire ward is being canvassed for funds for building of the Inter-Stake center. Everyone in the ward, by now, has been or will be personally visited by another member of the ward. The ward goal is $10,000 for the year 1957 and an equal amount for the year 1958.

TO HELP RAISE funds the Elders Quorum is going to run a car washing and waxing service. This should be in operaton soon.

There aren't many games left in the softball tournament. Here is the latest available schedule so you can go see the games. July 1, we play Oakland 3rd at Garfield (8:45 p.m.). July 8, we play Oakland 4th at East Shore Park (7:15 p.m.). July 15, we play Berkeley 2nd at East Shore Park (7:15 p.m.). The ward just purchased players' sweaters with Berkeley First monogramed on them, so they should look real sharp. Let's go out and cheer them.

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